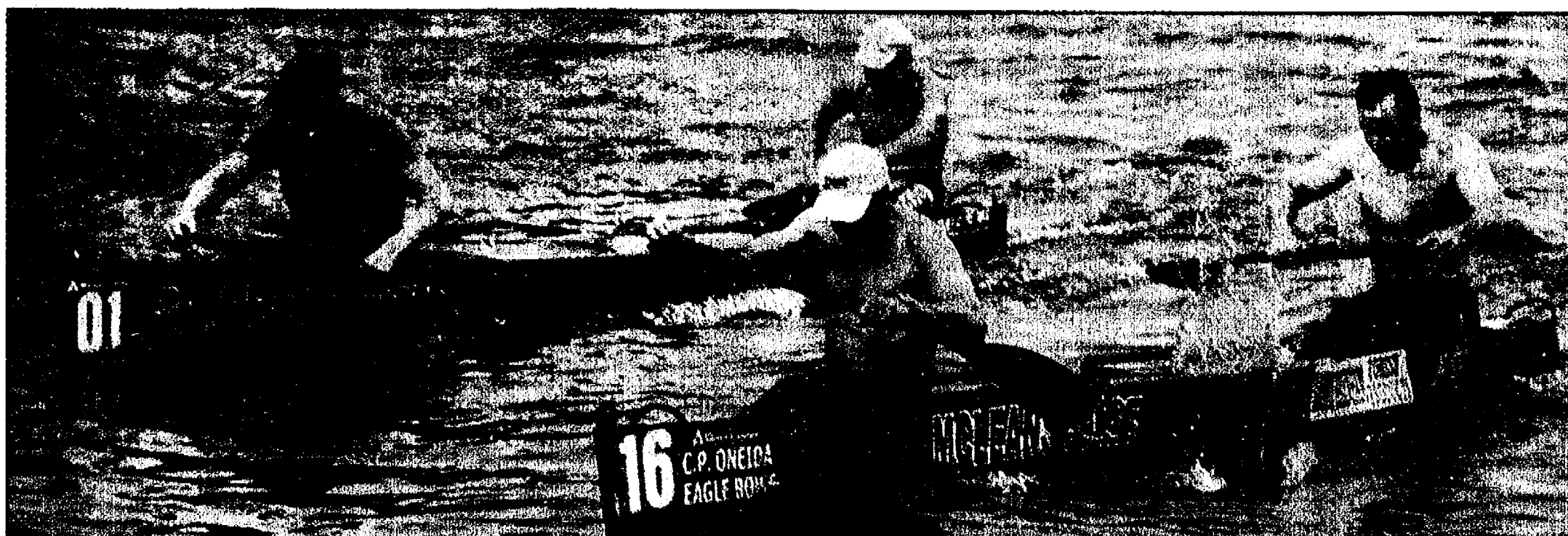


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(Above) Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin and Andrew Triebold and Matt Rimer paddle furiously toward the finish line at Oscoda on Sunday morning during the 58th AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Kolka and Corbin won the race by one second. (Left) Kolka and Corbin celebrate victory at Oscoda. (Below) Jim Harwood and Allen Limberg, who placed 3rd, paddle in the AuSable Marathon on Sunday. For more on the 2005 AuSable River Canoe Marathon, see Page 1B.



## Haug resigns from school district post

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Milli Haug submitted her letter of resignation to district officials Tuesday.

Haug, who has been the school chief for four years, is taking the superintendent's position for the Coldwater Community School District in southern Michigan.

Haug, who has been actively seeking other positions downstate, cited the desire to be closer to her family as her main reason for leaving.

"This came about quickly and it is a difficult decision, but at this point in my life I feel it is best to be closer to my family," she said.

Haug will officially step down from her school position on September 9. The first day for the district is Monday, August 29.

"She will be here to help get everything organized and get the school year started," said Jack Pilon, president of the Crawford AuSable School District School Board.

The school board has contracted with the Michigan Association of School Boards to help recruit a new school chief. An August 19 deadline has been established to submit applications for the job and officials said they would put the criteria of what they would like to see in

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## County to get new voting machines

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Crawford County officials recently took a punch to push voters into the new age of casting ballots.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners at their recent meeting agreed to apply for a grant through the Secretary of State to purchase optical scanning voting systems and related Election Management System software to comply with the Help America Vote Act.

The Help America Vote Act, which was signed by President George W. Bush in 2002, established a program to provide funds to help states replace punch card voting systems, established the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of federal election and also provides assistance with the administration of federal election. The law was passed after the problems which occurred in the 2000 presidential election.

By applying for the grant, the

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## CAR CRAZY



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Tyler Silverthorn, 5, of Roscommon checks out this hot rod during the AuSable River Festival Car Show held on Saturday. For more on the AuSable River Festival, see Pages 14-15A.

## HUP Race sees more sinkers, new rivalries

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

As challenging as the AuSable River Canoe Marathon is, hardly any paddlers have difficulty keeping their boats afloat. The same cannot be said of this year's Hurry Up and Paddle- or sink- Race (HUP Race), which left

many paddlers gasping for air and grasping for the mere chance to finish the race.

The event took place last Wednesday, with fifteen teams vying for the coveted first place trophy. It was clear that boat designers had learned some lessons from last year's race.

Most of the craft on display before the event actually looked seaworthy- which is more than can be said of the 2004 lineup.

Each boat is constructed from a sheet of plywood, two 2x4s, a box of nails and a roll of duct

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Paddlers compete in the 2005 HUP Race on Wednesday.

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# Ceremony honors organ donors

by Matt Seager  
 Staff Writer

The loss of a loved one may be one of the hardest things in life to cope with, but sometimes it is possible to create hope for others out of tragedy. On July 29, the Gift of Life foundation honored the families of organ donors at the sixth annual Rosebush Planting Ceremony.

"This is a truly special day of gratitude for organ donor families," said Bev Cherwinski, founder of the Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan.

The ceremony was opened by Cherwinski and followed by a short prayer led by Karen Henderlong, spiritual care coordinator for Mercy Hospital.

A variety of political figures also offered their gratitude to the families of organ donors. One point that was emphasized was the importance of filling the organ donation information box on the back of a Michigan driver's license.

"It's truly saved a countless number of lives," said Brandon

Fewins, representative for state senator Debbie Stabenow. Others spoke of the significance of the rose bush itself.

"The rose is the perfect symbol of what we're doing here today," said State Representative Kevin Elsenheimer. He said that the thorns represent the pain of loss for families, but the rose represents hope that results from the organ donation.

"It always amazes me how giving and generous families will be. Families will give to others in their time of greatest need," said Diane Nielson, marketing director for Mercy Hospital.

The families of organ donors were each given a chance to speak. Eugene and Carolyn Schmall were moved to tears when speaking of their nine-year old son who was killed by a car. At the time of the accident, organ donation was in Carolyn's thoughts.

"He has to live long enough to be an organ donor. That is the only good that can come out of this," said Schmall. Other families clearly found it difficult to



Carolyn and Eugene Schmall plant the ceremonial rosebush in the Mercy Hospital Garden area. The bush stands in remembrance of organ donors.

reflect on their terrible loss.

"I'm the mother of a donor. I still can't talk about it," said Lois Phillips.

A rosebush honoring the lives of all organ donors was ceremonially planted by the Schmall family. Despite all the grief that

was felt at the event, a sense of hope and endurance prevailed. Several organ recipients were present at the event. When kidney recipient Tony Ramon was asked what the new organ meant to him, he answered in one word. "Everything."

# County Jail passes annual inspection

by Dan Sanderson  
 Staff Writer

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office has once again received high marks from state corrections officials for the maintenance and supervision of the county jail.

The Crawford County Jail for a third year in a row was found to be in full compliance with all administrative rules and state statutes which are applicable to housing inmates in county jails.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said he received word that the jail was found to be in 100 percent compliance following Department of Corrections' May 26 site visit to the jail.

The top to bottom inspection of the jail included a review of

jail policies and procedures and employee training records. The annual inspection also included a review of the medical and dental services provided to jail inmates as well as a review of the food services program.

Wakefield credited jail administrator Cpt. Scott Feldhauser and the seven male and three female corrections officers for obtaining the 100 percent compliance.

"If it wasn't for their commitment to their jobs and doing the day-to-day things that have to be done, this would not be happening," he said. "I'm just pleased with everybody that works back there."

Jack Kann, manager of the

county jail services for the Michigan Department of Corrections, said only 30 out of 81 county jails and two county lock ups in the state were found in compliance the last two years.

Kann said the last time the Crawford County Sheriff's Office had issues relating to the jail was in 2002 when there were concerns related to fire safety, fire evacuation plans and staffing issues.

Wakefield explained that the staffing issue regarded a request from the Department of Corrections to man the old part of the jail which was built in 1969 and out-of-sight of jail's main control room with four correction officers. The sheriff's office was

able to get a waiver of the mandate by placing video equipment in that portion of the jail, which includes 20 beds, and only work release inmates and jail trustees are kept.

Wakefield said it cost a great deal of money to maintain the old portion of the jail, adding the department would face over crowding issues in the 33-bed portion of the jail if that area could not be used. He said sheriff's department staff works hard to maintain the equipment in the old part of the jail because it would be too cost prohibitive to hire more corrections officers.

"I'm lucky to be able to replace what I'm losing to retirement," Wakefield said.

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# House fires keep fire fighters busy

A number of house fires kept area fire fighters busy last week.

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department was called out to two house fires on Friday.

The first fire occurred at a home owned by Clifford Babbitt located at 3276 Short Drive just off of Jones Lake Road.

The Grayling Fire Department was dispatched the fire around 2:30 p.m.

The fire broke out in a two-foot crawl space under the home. Fire fighters had to cut a hole in the floor to extinguish the flames. A closet, hallway and a bedroom in the home sustained damage. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

The Frederic Township Fire Department assisted with the blaze.

The second blaze on Friday occurred at a home owned by Tim "Grizz" Pease located at 2612 M-72.

Grayling fire fighters were dispatched to the scene at 8:28 p.m. The fire broke out in the garage, then spread into the attic of the home. The entire house sustained heavy smoke and fire damage. South Branch and Beaver Creek Fire Departments assisted with the blaze.

The home is unlivable and the Pease family is being assisted by the Red Cross.

Finally, Grayling fire fighters were dispatched to a fire which occurred on Sunday, July 24 at a home owned by Chuck Haas located at 132 Woodleaf Drive.

That blaze was caused by a power surge which occurred when heavy storms were moving through the area, said Travis Roberts, Grayling City/Township Fire Department fire marshal/inspector. A wall in the home was destroyed.



Photo by Kim Ruley

A fire which broke out in the garage owned by Tim "Grizz" Pease, last Friday totally destroyed his home. The Pease family is being assisted by the Red Cross.

## Cause of fatal fire unknown

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The cause of a fire that killed a 50-year-old Grayling area man is still under investigation.

Nigel "Grant" Alandt was found dead after a fire broke out in his home located at 825 Russell Road in Grayling Township on Tuesday, July 26.

The fire was reported to the Grayling City/Township Fire Department around 9:15 a.m.

Flames were coming through the roof of the home

when firefighters arrived.

Travis Roberts, fire marshal for the department, said he was able to gain access to the front porch area, but conditions were too dangerous to enter the home. Fire fighters brought the blaze under control in about 10 minutes.

The South Branch Fire Department, Frederic Fire Department and Beaver Creek Township Fire Department assisted the blaze. Mobile Medical Response Ambulance and Great Lakes Energy crews

as well as Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies were also on hand to assist fire fighters.

Roberts and Sgt. Dale Hardy, a fire marshal from the Cadillac Post of the Michigan State Police, gathered evidence at the scene which is being tested at a state lab in Grand Rapids.

An autopsy was also to be performed, Roberts said.

Alandt worked in the maintenance department at Weyerhaeuser for more than 20 years.

## Officials to focus on downtown area

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Business and city officials seeking to spruce up the downtown area will soon start gathering input from the community for the future of the business district.

The Grayling Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is beginning to develop downtown streetscape plans, which will involve beautification and infrastructure improvements on Michigan Avenue from Spruce Street to the Crawford County Courthouse. The downtown area along Norway Street will also receive a facelift.

Streetscape plans will first have to be approved by the DDA Board, but will have to receive a final blessing from the Grayling City Council since city funds will be spent on the project.

The DDA's design committee which includes Charlotte Bloomquist, the owner of Bloomin' Grape Gourmet Market and Deli, Michele Steffey, the owner of The Medicine Shoppe, and Kelly Elmy, the owner of DuBois Do-It-Best Lumber. Chad Beckett, the director of the city's department of public works, will assist the design committee due to his

knowledge of infrastructure in the downtown area.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said the design committee would be working with planners and engineers from Gosling Czubak, the city's engineering firm, who have worked on downtown streetscape projects in Elk Rapids and Cadillac.

The project will be put out for bids this winter after plans have been finalized and a funding source for the project has been identified.

The city is going to try to have the project done next May in conjunction with a rehabilitation project of the I-75 Exit Ramp, which is being funded by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The bridge will have to be closed down and traffic will be re-routed for one month in order to let the concrete cure.

"It's going to be really aggressive to get it done that quick, but we're going to try," Lowe said.

MDOT officials scheduled the project for May, after receiving protests from business owners fearing financial woes when the project was initially slated for September, a time when tourism dependent businesses still count on travelers.

## Board shifts oversight of county fund

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

In a move to get more bang for the buck, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners is changing the administrative control of a county economic development fund.

The county board at their recent meeting voted to give the Crawford County Housing Commission a 60-day notice that an economic development fund which was established in the 1980s will be moved from the Crawford County Housing Commission to be administered by County Controller Paul Compo.

Under the direction of the Housing Commission, officials had the authority to levy an 18 percent administration fee for all loans granted. If a \$100,000 loan was granted, for example, the Housing Commission could collect about \$18,000 from the loan.

"That is a lot of money just to recoup a loan," said County Commissioner Scott Hanson, who is on a board which oversees loans for the economic development fund.

With the change under Compo's supervision, more funds would be eligible to be lent out to area businesses.

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Fannie Finn's and Cartright and Danwell are some area businesses that tapped economic development funds for improvements.

Cy Wakeley, the director for the housing commission, said the economic development fund is under discretion of county officials.

"It won't effect our day to day business as far as serving the county residents and their housing needs," Wakeley said.

There is currently \$100,000 in the economic development fund.

"We want to make as much money available to small businesses in the community so we can retain and expand the businesses we have," Hanson said.

Hanson said the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership may be asked to administer the fund in the future.

Gaila Gilliland, the director of the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, has been asked to sit on the board which oversees the economic development fund.

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On July 27, 2005 Mio District Ranger Steven A. Goldman signed a decision to implement the Eldorado Project. The Eldorado Project is located on National Forest System lands northeast of Roscommon, Michigan in Crawford County, Township 25 North, Range 1 West, Sections 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24 and Oscoda County, Township 25 North, Range 1 East, Sections 18, 19, 29. This decision includes the following actions: 1) Harvest by clearcutting approximately 898 acres of jack pine. 2) Reforest approximately 898 acres of clearcut to jack pine. 3) Thin approximately 382 acres of red pine. 4) Under-burn approximately 361 acres of thinned red pine plantations. 5) Construct approximately two and one-half miles of temporary roads and associated landings to remove forest products. 6) Re-establish fuel break adjacent to private property by removing approximately one and one-quarter acres of jack pine saplings. 7) Reduce open road density by closing or re-closing approximately 2.8 miles of two-track roads not needed for public transportation or management purposes. 8) Relocate approximately 2.3 miles of ORV trail onto 1.3 miles of Meridian Road (Forest Road 1165).

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.11 by those who supplied substantive comments on this proposal during the 30-day comment period. Written notice of appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 215.14 entitled "Appeal content." Written notice of appeal must be postmarked and submitted to: USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region, attention: Appeals Deciding Officer, 626 East Wisconsin Ave., Suite 800, Milwaukee, WI 53202-4616 or fax to (414) 944-3963. Appeals may be hand-delivered to the office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Central Time. Electronic appeals should be directed to: [appeals-eastern-region-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-eastern-region-office@fs.fed.us). Acceptable format for electronic appeals are TXT, HTML or Adobe Portable Document format, or formats viewable with Microsoft Office applications. Appeals must be received within 45 days of the date of public notification of this decision in the Oscoda County Herald.

This decision will not be implemented until at least 5 business days after the close of the 45-day appeal period, or 15 days after the disposition of appeal, whichever is later.

For further information on this decision or the Forest Service appeal process, or if you have questions about the project, please contact District Ranger Steven A. Goldman at the Mio Ranger Station, 401 North Court Street, Mio, Michigan 48647, or phone (989) 826-3252 x3315. The Decision Notice, Finding of No Significant Impact, and Environmental Assessment for this project are available for review at the Mio Ranger District office or by electronic copy.

## County to get new voting machines

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county will receive optical scanning voting machines and software which cost \$48,095.

Instead of using punch cards, voters will now fill in a dot which will complete a line that will be counted by the voting equipment.

Voters will put their own ballots in tabulators, and workers will only offer assistance when asked.

The machines will automatically tell a person if they over voted, under voted or will ask if the ballot is correct if a person opts not to vote in a particular political race or for a ballot issue. If there is a write-in vote, the machine will automatically sort the ballot into separate compartments so it can be hand counted.

"Theoretically, we will not have any spoiled ballots with the new system," said Crawford

County Clerk Sandra Moore. "It is going to be a change, but as people get used to the new way of voting, it's going to be a good thing."

Moore hopes to have the equipment in time for the Grayling City election in November. She said there will be ample opportunities for voters to see and test the new voting equipment before it is used for a county-wide election.

## Haug resigns from school district post

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a new administrator on the district's website.

"Milli has done a good job for us and we wish we could have had her around a little longer, but we are looking forward to hiring a new superintendent and moving forward," Pilon said.

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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

### If 'there oughta be a law,' maybe now's the time

MOST OF US ordinary citizens out in the grass roots at one time or another probably have uttered one of the most temporarily consoling phrases in self-government:

"There oughta be a law!"

Usually the thought comes when something we don't like has happened in the White House, congress, state legislature, or city or township hall, or some other place where laws either are made or enforced.

Sometimes it's just something that happens to us or around us that we think is unfair.

"There oughta be a law," we shout, and usually that's as far as our dissatisfaction travels.

Sometimes we may write a letter to the governor, or legislator, or sheriff, or make a phone call, but usually, we just fume and fuss a bit, and then let it go.

However, if you're an elected member of the state legislature, and you think "there oughta be a law," you can do something about it. You can introduce a bill.

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STATE SEN. ALAN Cropsey of St. Johns, a Republican, was unhappy with

the state board of canvassers a week or so ago. The four member board failed to certify petitions with 450,000 or so signatures for a 2006 vote to ban use of race or gender preferences in university admissions and government hiring.

Two Democratic canvassers voted no, one Republican voted yes, and the second Republican abstained. The petitions were turned down, but Michigan courts are expected to overrule the canvassers.

In similar case last year, state canvassers rejected two other signature drives — one to put Ralph Nader on the Democratic ballot for president, and the second to prohibit most benefits to same-sex couples. Two Democratic canvassers opposed, two Republicans approved, and Michigan courts ordered certification of both.

Personal political preferences obviously drove canvasser action, but that's not the way the canvasser law is intended to work.

Present law directs the canvassers to assure enough proper signatures to meet legal requirements to get on the ballot. Canvassers have no legal authority to approve or reject the content of the proposals.

Sen. Cropsey's bill would shift certification responsibilities to the bureau of elections in the secretary of state's office, which does all the grunt work on checking petition signatures anyway, and which in this case found them sufficient and recommended certification.

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BIPARTISANSHIP IS a good idea for government boards and commissions, but it doesn't always work, as the canvasser conflict indicates.

The Michigan constitution establishes the canvasser board with no more than two of the four members from any one political party and appointed by the governor. Usually the Democratic and Republican state party organizations submit their candidates, and the governor routinely accepts them.

The same 1963 state constitution originally also provided for a similar four member Apportionment Commission to allot seats in the legislature after every census. Members came from the political parties, who carried their political allegiances with them. In principle it's a formula for fairness, because any apportionment plan would require at least minimal bipartisan support. Again, it

produced stalemate, and the plan first was outlawed by the courts and then abandoned as unworkable.

Apportionment duties now rest with the legislature, and the minority party — whichever one does not control the process — always comes up short and unhappy.

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BIPARTISAN BOARDS in state government can work in some cases. The Michigan civil service commission is an example. Again, it's a four member constitutional board with no more than two members from the same political party and has worked pretty well in Michigan.

Civil service in Michigan goes back to the 1930s, installed as response to a rampant spoils system, when state workers changed en masse with election of a different party.

Despite occasional differences of political principles, generally the civil service commission has worked without partisan conflict, and governors in the past have appointed an occasional non-partisan member who owed allegiance to neither major party. As a matter of full disclosure, I was a member of the Michigan civil service commission for a

few years back in the late 1960s, and I found partisanship practically non-existent.

Of course, under the civil service provisions of the constitution, the commission does not deal in partisan issues, and most state employment generally is not partisan in nature. But then, neither should be counting and verifying petition signatures.

One difference in why it works for civil service and not for canvassing and apportionment may be that civil service appointments are directly from the governor, while canvassing and apportionment appointments are first cleared and recommended by the parties.

Perhaps the canvassing hassle is just another example of the burgeoning intrusion of partisan bitterness in most aspects of governance, including consideration of judicial nominations.

It's a trend that we entertain and promote at considerable peril to the principles of effective and fair self-government.

# # #

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## AVALANCHE DEADLINES

**Community Briefs** lined paper use every items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

**Photographs** must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

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All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

## Last chance for prescription savings in 2005

Time flies, and many times so does money when it comes to the cost of prescription drugs. As 2005 marches along, time is running out for Michigan's seniors and individuals with certain abilities to save money on this year's prescription costs.

Starting January 1, 2006, Medicare will offer a new prescription drug benefit called Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. In the meantime, Medicare is offering a Drug Discount Card Program that can save senior citizens and individuals with certain disabilities up to 10-15 percent on the cost of prescription drugs in 2005.

Anyone who qualifies for Medicare Part A and/or is enrolled in Medicare Part B is eligible for the Drug Discount Card Program.

In addition, Medicare is offering a Transitional Assistance Program to help people with limited income and resources with the costs of their prescriptions. In order to qualify for the Transitional Assistance Program, people must first have a Medicare-approved Drug discount Card, cannot be receiving prescription coverage through Medicaid's pharmacy benefit, and must have annual household income below \$12,919 for a single person and \$17,320 for a married couple. From January through March 2005, eligible individuals received \$600 toward the cost of their prescriptions, then from April through June 2005, the dollar amount dropped to \$450.

By acting now, eligible senior citizens and individuals with certain disabilities who

are in Medicare still have the opportunity to receive prescription drug discounts in 2005. For those who sign up between July 1, 2005, and September 30, 2005, \$300 savings is available, and from September 30, 2005, through December 31, 2005, the dollar amount available toward prescription drug costs for this year drops to \$150. Starting January 1, 2006, Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage will begin and the Drug Discount Card and Transitional Assistance Programs will end.

Senior citizens and disabled individuals who have questions about obtaining a Medicare-approved Drug Discount Card or qualifying for the Transitional Assistance Program have places to turn for help. Medicare offers a toll-free number, 1-800-

MEDICARE (633-4227), where customer service representatives can answer questions about Medicare and provide information regarding prescription coverage.

At the local level is a non-profit organization called MMAP (Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) that can be reached at 1-800-803-7174. MMAP volunteer counselors are located in most communities throughout the state and are available to assist individuals in Medicare with questions and concerns. MMAP volunteer counselors are friendly people trained in Medicare/Medicaid policies and regulations, who will assist individuals in Medicare/Medicaid policies and regulations, free of charge over the phone and in person, including home visits.

## VA celebrates Diamond Jubilee

Warriors on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan see their individual and unit missions change — evolving as battlefield conditions dictate. Men and women leave their homes in Michigan to fight on foreign soil — and they're changed by the experience. It's true for every veteran of every foreign conflict.

Yet when they return from war, as changed men and women, they come back to a Nation that is clear and steadfast in its commitment to her warriors. Honoring that commitment is the mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) nationally and here in Michigan.

It's a mission that hasn't changed since the day, 75 years

ago, when President Herbert Hoover created a single federal agency to provide benefits for America's veterans.

It's rooted in Abraham Lincoln's 1865 promise to "care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan."

On July 21, 2005, the Detroit Regional Office began a year-long observance of this Diamond Jubilee anniversary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Here in Detroit, we've been providing first-rate service since 1930," said Keith J. Thompson, director of the Regional Office in Detroit. "And now that we are well beyond the threshold of the 21st Century, we are equally

determined to meet the needs of our patriots returning from the current global war on terrorism," he said.

"The scope of our mandate is vast," Thompson said. "It leads from our research labs to our patients' bedsides; from vocational training to the college classroom; from homeless interventions to home ownership."

"On our 75th anniversary, we pledge our unwavering commitment to serve America's heroes, the men and women who protected us from tyranny, and secured the way of life we enjoy today," he said.

Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs is the federal government's second-largest Cabinet Department, responsi-

ble for a nationwide system of health care services, benefits programs, and national cemeteries for American veterans and dependents. With a budget of more than \$69 billion for fiscal year 2005, VA employs approximately 230,000 people at hundreds of VA medical centers, clinics, nursing homes, benefits offices, and national cemeteries throughout the country.

In Michigan, the Detroit Regional Office employs 180 individuals, and administers the Compensation Program and Vocation, Rehabilitation and Employment programs for over 82,000 veterans and their dependents throughout the year.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Kirtland to display the art of summer

The Kirtland Art Department has scheduled its summer semester Student Art Exhibition and Reception for Monday, Aug. 1, from 12-2 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend. The event is being hosted on the Kirtland Community College campus, in the Art Department, and will feature work created by the college's summer semester art students. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the Art Department at 989-275-5000, ext. 300. For directions to Kirtland's campus, call the Kirtland switchboard at 989-275-5000.

### Calendars will be available in September

The Crawford AuSable School District calendars will not be available this year until sometime in September. The delay is due to many factors and the school apologizes for any inconvenience. The first day of school will be Monday, August 29.

### GHS Boy's Golf tryouts to be held

The Grayling High School Boy's Golf tryouts will be held on August 11 at 5:15 p.m. and August 12 at 9 a.m. at the Grayling Country Club. Both sessions will consist of 9 hole rounds to determine competitors for the following week's tournaments. Players need their own equipment and MUST have physical forms to participate. Contact Herb Olson at 348-9456 for additional information.

### Sheriff to attend Maple Forest Twp. meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Maple Forest Township meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. He will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, will remain afterward for additional questions or comments.

### Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 11, at 7 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse. Regular meetings are the second Thursday of the month. The public is welcome. For more information call 348-7037 or check their website at [firstdistrictdems.com/crawford](http://firstdistrictdems.com/crawford).

### Bowman Campground closed

Due to damage from a wind event on Tuesday, July 25, the Bowman Campground in the Huron-Manistee Forest is closed until further notice, and anyone with reservations will be notified by the concessionaire. The trails are being cleared at this time. For more information on campground and trail conditions visit the forest service website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf/index.shtml>, or call the Baldwin Ranger Station at 231-745-4631.

### VFW service officer to interview veterans

The Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Assistant State Service Officer, Art Bates, will be at the Michigan Works Office in Grayling on Friday, August 5, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and Friday August 19, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., to interview veterans and/or their dependents on veterans benefits. Call 989-348-8709 if you have any questions.

### Kellogg school to be dedicated

Lovells Township Historical Society will be dedicating the Kellogg Lone Pine School, located behind the Lovells Township Hall, on Saturday, August 6, at 1 p.m.

### Free concert at Devereaux Library

The Devereaux Memorial Library, at 201 Plum Street, will host a free concert on Thursday, August 4, at 7 p.m., featuring Ballads from the North Country. Richard Sonier will perform an eclectic blend of English, Scottish and Irish ballads from the 17th and 18th centuries.

### Hearing and vision screenings to be held

Hearing and vision screenings for pre-school and kindergarten age children will take place on August 23, 24 and 25 at the Grayling Headstart Building. Call the local health department at 989-348-7800 for an appointment date and time. Hearing and vision testing is required for some programs and public school entry for kindergartners.

### The Mikenauk Chorale begins rehearsals

The Mikenauk Chorale, a sixty-member area-wide choral group, begins rehearsals for its Winter Concert on Thursday, August 11, at 7 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church, 7878 E. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, MI. Members and those interested in joining the Chorale should plan to arrive early for the rehearsal. For more information about the Chorale, contact Doug Armstead, 989-915-9734 or June Karjalainen, 989-275-4287.

### Wellington Farm hosts Jackpine Jamboree

Bluegrass, Folk, and Gospel music of the country - performed by such well known local artists as the Jackpine Pickers, Floodgate, Brian Ashton and the Michelson Singers - will fill the woods of southwestern Crawford County on August 6 when Wellington Farm Park hosts the Second Annual Jackpine Jamboree.

Headlining the event will be the well known Blue Water Ramblers of Grand Rapids. Music will begin on the Mainstage at noon and continue well into the evening. The Blue Water Ramblers will make three appearances throughout the day, with their final and biggest performance taking place about 7 p.m.

Wellington Farm Park is a 60-acre living history farm located on Military Road between Camp Grayling and North Higgins

Lake State Park. Easy access from both I-75 and US-127 make the farm a popular spot for tourists traveling to Northern Michigan. The park features eight historic buildings depicting life in a rural farming community during the era of the Great Depression. The latest addition to the complex is the historic Stittsville Church, which was moved to the farm where it will undergo extensive restoration and will soon be available for visitors to use and enjoy.

Admission to the Jackpine Jamboree is \$15 per person at the gate, however patrons can save \$3 a ticket if they purchase it in advance.

Jackpine Jamboree advance ticket sales are available in Grayling at Patti's Towne House and the Ole Barn; in Roscommon at Michael's on the River; in Higgins Lake at the

## Michael Deren to present Lumberjack program at Hartwick Pines

Hartwick Pines State Park will present Michael Deren's Lumberjack program on Saturday, August 6 at 7 p.m. Deren's very popular "Past in Person" program about the Lumberjacks (or Shantyboys as they called themselves) in Northern Michigan in the 1870s.

This highly entertaining program of music, song, and stories is sponsored by the Logging Museum at Hartwick Pines - a field site of the Michigan Historical Museum, and the friends of Hartwick Pines - and will take place at the amphitheater at the Logging Museum within the park, eight miles northeast of Grayling.

Journey into the past through the music, songs and tales of the lumberjacks who helped build America in the Nineteenth Century. This is a multi-faceted, audience-centered program that will educate, delight and enthrall all who attend.

Deren will portray a lumberjack from Northern Michigan in

the 1870s taking his audience back to the time when they were "cutting the big sticks." He will play the concertina, fiddle, hammer dulcimer, bones, button accordion, and limber toys, in addition to sharing songs and stories of life in the logging camps.

Deren's "Past in Person" program will open Saturday, August 6, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the Logging Museum at Hartwick Pines State Park. In the event of rain, the program will be at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center.

Hartwick Pines State Park is located on M-93 (Hartwick Pines Rd.), two miles east of I-75, exit 259.

There is no charge for this program, but a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into the park. The daily permit is \$6 and a yearly permit is \$24 for Michigan residents and \$8 for a daily and \$29 for an annual permit for non-residents. For more information, please contact Hartwick Pines State Park at (989) 348-2537.



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### Roscommon's free concert features The Mark Arshak Blues Band

The Mark Arshak Blues Band will perform at the gazebo on the CRAF Center lawn in Roscommon on Wednesday, August 10, at 7 p.m. The band features Mark Arshak on electric guitar, slide, dobro, harp, and vocals; Kevin (Kip) Larson on bass and vocals; Joel Knight on keyboard and vocals; and "Big John" Ambrose on drums.

The band, formed in 1994, has made a name for themselves all over Northern Michigan's blues scene the past several years. Last September the band won regional competition over seven other bands from Michigan. This earned them the right to compete at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis. On the national circuit, the band has opened for many acts such as George Thorogood, Otis Rush, Jonny Lang and Bo Diddley.

Arshak was born in Detroit and started playing guitar at age eight. At age thirteen his family moved to Roscommon where his father taught English at Kirtland Community College. Upon graduation from college he hitchhiked to Texas then to California

and finally to Greenville, Mississippi where he worked as a deckhand on the riverboats. It was here that he learned the "devil's blues" with blues-men, country pickers, and rock-n-rollers.

Other band members include: Larson a veteran of many years in the music business; Knight, who was born in South Carolina, will remind you the piano is a percussion instrument; and drummer Ambrose comes from a big family of musicians including his aunt Diana Ross.

The Mark Arshak Band is on their way to show the world what Detroit audiences have known for years. Headlining numerous festivals and events throughout the region in the past and taking their high-energy show to parts unknown in 2005.

This concert is free to the public and is supported by the Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs, Gannon Broadcasting Systems, Bank One and the Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Jefferson on Judges

Thomas Jefferson was eventually trusted to draft the Declaration of Independence because he was considered by his contemporaries to be a walking library of liberty. Let us examine Jefferson's thinking concerning judges. Jefferson said, "History by apprising [citizens] of the past will enable them to judge of the future; it will avail them of the experience of other times and other nations; it will qualify them as judges of the actions and designs of men; it will enable them to know ambition under every disguise it may assume; and knowing it, to defeat its views." Jefferson said, "Enlighten the people, generally, and tyranny and oppressions of body and mind will vanish like spirits at the dawn of day."

Thomas Jefferson as President of the U.S. gave us his understand of the U.S. Constitution: "The Constitution on which our Union rests, shall be administered by me [as President] according to the safe and honest meaning contemplated by the plain understanding of the people of the United States at the time of its adoption -- a meaning to be found in the

explanations of those who advocated it, and who opposed it merely lest the construction should be applied which they denounced as possible."

Jefferson also told us why he believed the Constitution should be interpreted according to the original meaning of the document "at the time of its adoption." He said, "Laws are made for men of ordinary understanding and should, therefore, be construed by the ordinary rules of common sense. Their meaning is not to be sought for in metaphysical subtleties which may make anything mean everything or nothing at pleasure."

Jefferson warned us about the danger of the judicial branch of government taking authority away from the executive and legislative branches: "[T]he opinion which gives to the judges the right to decide what laws are constitutional and what not, not only for themselves, in their own sphere of action, but for the Legislature and Executive also in their spheres, would make the Judiciary a despotic branch." -- Thomas Jefferson

Jefferson said: "To consider the judges as the ultimate

arbiters of all constitutional questions [is] a very dangerous doctrine indeed, and one which would place us under the despotism of an oligarchy. Our judges are as honest as other men and not more so. They have with others the same passions for party, for power, and the privilege of their corps. Their maxim is *boni judicis est ampliare jurisdictionem* [good justice is broad jurisdiction], and their power the more dangerous as they are in office for life and not responsible, as the other functionaries are, to the elective control. The Constitution has erected no such single tribunal, knowing that to whatever hands confided, with the corruptions of time and party, its members would become despots. It has more wisely made all the departments co-equal and co-sovereign within themselves." -- Thomas Jefferson to William C. Jarvis, 1820.

Israel under the rule of judges ended up in lawless rebellion in Judges 17:6; 21:25. Pastor "B" *The Bible Speaks* is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and the opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of August 4 - 10 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lakes, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard. August 4.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Artillery and mortar firing, and convoy maneuvers. August 4 - 10.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek. August 4 - 10.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bound on the west by Cadillac Rd., and on the east by Carrier Rd. August 4 - 10.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek. August 4 - 10.

Range 13, located south of the main post, bound on the west by the Crawford County line, north of Daniels Rd. and east of the gas pipeline. August 5 - 6.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition

Ranges located south of Howes Rd., west of the Crawford County line, north of Daniels Rd. and east of the gas pipeline. August 8 - 9.

Range 30 Complex located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Road 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. August 4 - 10.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on August 4 - 10: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Rd. to Bald Hill Truck Trail; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Rd.; Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to North Down River Rd., and Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to North Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

## OBITUARIES

### Nigel Alandt

Aug. 9, 1954 - July 26, 2005. Nigel "Grant" Alandt, 50, of Grayling, passed away on July 26, 2005.

Grant was born in Detroit, on August 9, 1954, to the late Norman and Noreen (Hanke) Alandt.

He was employed in the Maintenance Department at Weyerhaeuser for more than 20 years. His hobbies included collecting different items and motorcycles. He enjoyed several types of music, but most significantly he enjoyed playing the drums. He was previously married to Cheryl for 25 years, she now lives in Tucson, Arizona.

He is survived by his daughter, Nicole Renee Alandt of Tucson, Arizona; brothers, Nelson Alandt of Washington and Norman (Pauline) Alandt of Livonia; sister, Pam (Doug) Travis of Washington; several nieces and nephews; and close friend Mic Granger of Grayling.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Norris Alandt.

A memorial service will be held on July 31, 2005 at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Condolences can be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### June O'Berry Butts

June 27, 1924 - Aug. 1, 2005

June O'Berry Butts, 81, of Grayling, passed away on August 1, 2005 at her apartment in Portland.

June was born on June 27, 1924, to Kenneth and Thera (Jones) Richards. She married John O'Berry who preceded her in death. She then married Ben Butts who also preceded her in death.

She is survived by two children, Susan (Syd) Johnson of Brentwood, California and Brad (Theresa) O'Berry of Portland; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a sister, Sharon (Jack) Barber of Farwell; and a brother, Ron (Kay) Richards of Lake City.

In addition to her husbands she was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Martin Richards.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 5, 2005 at 11 a.m. at Perrington United Methodist Church with Reverend Bill Foldes officiating. Interment will be in Fulton Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Perrington United Methodist Church.

Arrangements by Dodge Funeral Home in Middleton.

## MILITARY NEWS



Captain Laura DePalma

Captain Laura DePalma, daughter of Sandra and Dan Pendygraft of Grayling, is serving with the Third Infantry Division in Baghdad, Iraq.

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Adult Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Children's Sunday School ..... 11 am  
(Childcare Available during 11:00 service)  
Bible Study (Wed) ..... 10:30 am

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Saturday Church Service ..... 9:30 am  
Saturday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

**Lovells Community Chapel**  
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Pastor Larry Hunkins  
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Sunday School (youth & adult) ..... 10 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Wed Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7-8 pm

**Free Methodist**  
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Early Service ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Adult and Youth Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
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Wednesday ..... 7 pm

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Pastor Gary Wojdan  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Parsonage 348-7466  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
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Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm

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President David Page  
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Sacrament ..... 10 am  
Sunday School ..... 11 am  
Priesthood ..... 11 am  
Primary ..... 12 noon  
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

**Burnside Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Pettie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth Service ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm  
Friday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
(van transportation available)

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
710 Spruce Street  
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Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am

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Pastor Carol Stephan  
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Church School ..... 9:45 am  
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Morning Prayer Tues-Fri ..... 8:30 am  
Eucharist (Wed) ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday Holy Eucharist ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Recreation Life Fellowship**  
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M-72 West  
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Sunday Worship ..... 11 am & 6:00 pm  
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Pastor Terry Coby  
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Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
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Sunday School ..... 9 am  
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Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

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Wed. Men's Bible Study ..... 12 noon

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, August 5 - Lunch - beef tips with gravy and noodles, green bean amandine, carrots, and melon balls. No dinner. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Sunday, August 7 - Brunch - Quiche and toast, hash browns, fruit bar, dessert, juice, coffee and milk. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$3 seniors and under 12, \$5 non-seniors.

Monday, August 8 - Lunch - riblet sandwich, Boston baked beans, cauliflower, and mandarin oranges. Dinner - roast turkey, marshmallow sweet potatoes, green beans with corn, and applesauce. 12 p.m. Stag Club; 1 p.m. Bridge Club; 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, August 9 - Lunch - liver and onions, fried cabbage with bacon, pears, Jell-O with

pineapple. Dinner - vegetable beef stew, mixed fruit, and pudding. 8:30 a.m. casino trip, 12:45 p.m. Euchre Club; 6:30 p.m. Housing Commission Board meeting.

Wednesday, August 10 - Lunch - sub-sandwiches, coleslaw, vegetable salad, and apricot. Birthday Dinner - beef lasagna, green bean parisienne, tossed salad, Jell-O fruit salad, cake and ice cream. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. commodities at the Knights of Columbus Hall; 12 p.m. Stag Club; 5 p.m. birthday dinner. 5:30 p.m. White Elephant Auction.

Thursday, August 11 - Lunch - Shepherd's pie, broccoli parmesan, Ambrosia fruit salad, and pumpkin pie. Dinner - beef BBQ ribs, baked potato, spinach, and pears. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class; 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure checks; 5:30 p.m. Uno Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

### Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for July 31 of \$25 each: Deanna Armstrong, Tike Golnick, and Gloria Neilson.

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The Lions Club Lucky 13 Raffle winner of \$100 for week 3 is Elizabeth Chace of Grayling.

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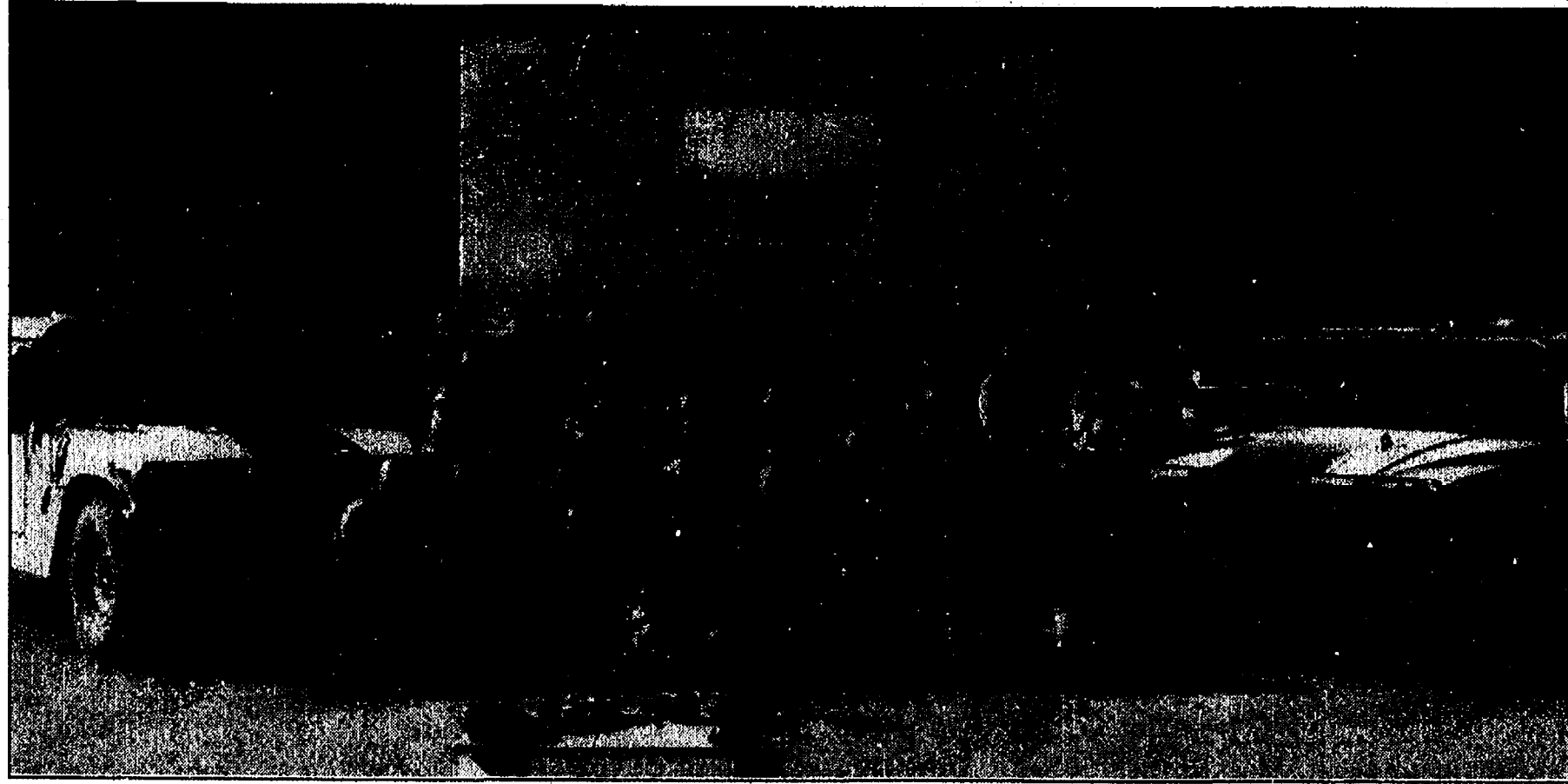
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Eagles Club, 602 Huron  
Grayling

**Thursday 6:30 pm**  
**American Legion Hall**  
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# The 1071st Maintenance Company Wheel Platoon continues to proudly serve in Iraq



This 1071st Maintenance Company Wheel Platoon group photo was sent to the Avalanche recently along with a variety of photos that showcase daily life in the Middle East for American troops. Pictured above in the front row (L to R) are: PFC Billick, SGT Cole, 2LT Rodgers, SFC Cole, and SSG Masella. Second row: CW3 Petersen, SGT Palmer, PFC Wiertella, A., SGT Muma, unable to identify, PFC Estes, SSG Dale, III, and SPC Wildfong. Third row: SPC Fernandes, SPC Erath, SPC Gildner, SPC Anderson, and SPC Allen. Fourth row: SPC Michels (leaning on truck), SPC Everman, SPC Graves, SPC Leahy, SFC Leslie, SSG Wilson, SGT Aguirre, and SPC Bish. Fifth row: SGT Itter, SPC Bourdage, SGT Melton, SPC Clough, SPC Phipps, PFC Lockwood, SGT Wiertella, R., SPC Martin, SFC Romain, and SGT Thayer.



This vehicle was hit with a Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED). Luckily, nobody died.



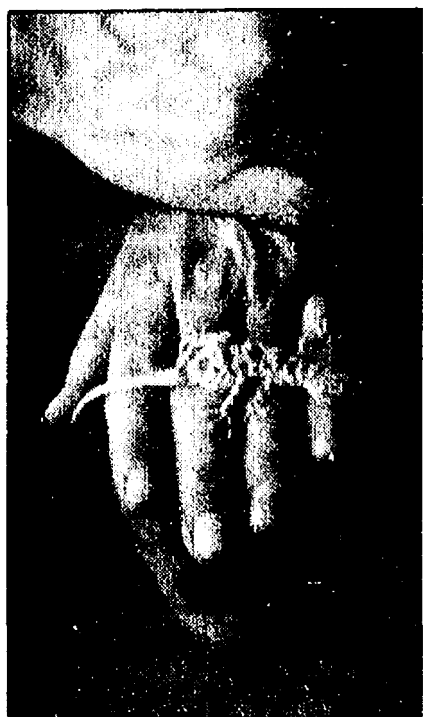
SPC Clough and SPC Goldner working on some government equipment.



A few soldiers take a break from their daily routine. Back row: SPC Fernandes, SPC Muma, PVT Dillick. Middle row: SPC Graves, SPC Gildner, SFC Leslie. Front: SPC Lockwood.



SPC Wildfong and SGT Palmer working at the Forward Operating Base (FOB).



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This 1 1/2 hour class will meet for 6 weeks on Wednesdays at 6pm starting August 17th. All sessions will be held at the Commission on Aging located at 308 Lawndale St. in Grayling. Respite care for your loved one can be provided if needed.

### Session topics will include:

- Issues and Options for Caregivers
- Stress Management
- Understanding the Connection between the Brain and Behavior
- Communication
- Assisting a Person with Activities of Daily Living
- Understanding Challenging Behaviors in Persons with Dementia



**To Register Call 348-7123**

## Twenty-three teams compete in annual Business Relay Canoe Races

Twenty-three teams competed in the annual Business Relay Canoe Races last Thursday, and the "Bikin' Babes" of The Bike Shop posted the best time this year.

At the Business Relays, two people from each team paddle upstream to Ray's, switch places with two team members, and the second pair paddles downstream to the finish line.

With a time of 8:46.69, the "Bikin' Babes" won the women's division and had the event's best overall finish. The "Foot Longs" of Borchers AuSable Canoeing won the men's division with a time of 9:29.60. Grayling Recreation Authority won the mixed division with a final time of 9:31.86.

Final results for the 2005 Business Relay Canoe Race (by division):

**Women's Division**  
The Bike Shop "Bikin' Babes" 8:46.69  
Spike's Racers 9:53.27  
Re/Max of Grayling 10:53.91

Borchers "BeeDee's" 11:04.92  
Chemical Bank 11:05.67  
Hardbodyz 12:16.43  
JHB Home Health Care 14:34.95  
Heads Up North 15:19.33  
**Men's Division**  
Borchers AuSable Canoeing "Foot Longs" 9:29.60  
Scott McNamara Ford Team I 9:59.48

Penrod's Canoe Livery "Blue Man Crew" 10:06.59  
Fick and Son's "Bad Boys" 10:12.09  
E Z Built Homes 10:22.66  
AJD Forest Products 10:43.48  
Scott McNamara Ford Team II 11:18.78  
Dennco Graphics 11:46.06  
Fick and Son's Mikado and Western 12:05.91

Scheer Motors Team II 12:20.12  
Scheer Motors Team I 12:28.24  
**Mixed Division**  
Grayling Recreation Authority 9:31.86  
Grayling Restaurant 11:29.78  
Grayling Kiwanis Club 12:50.86  
Riverland Gear 13:01.26



The all female Bike Shop "Bikin' Babes" were the overall winners of the business relays this year, with a time of 8:46:69.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 108 complaints the week of July 25 - July 31:

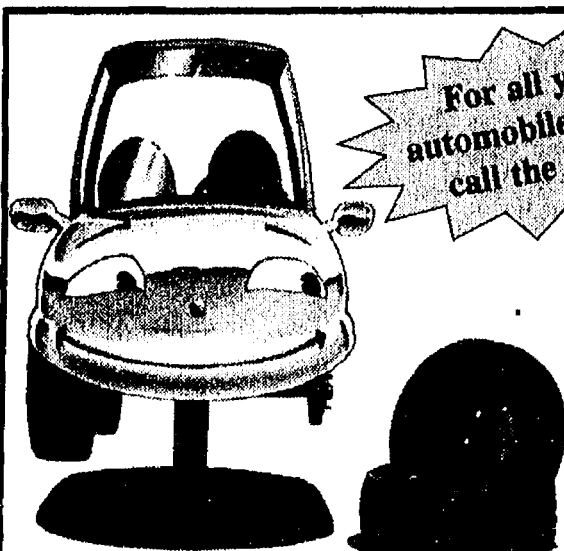
Ten traffic accidents, two traffic violations-civil infractions, two parking violations, one plan review, one accident-all other, five property inspections, five civil matter/family disputes, 12

suspicious situations, 16 general non-criminal, two structure fires, one delinquent minors, four false alarms, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, two burglaries/home invasions, five larcenies, one fraudulent activities, five damage to properties, one retail fraud, two drug/narcotic violations, one

obstruction of justice, 15 public peace/disorderlies, two health and safeties, three miscellaneous criminal offenses, six driving violations-driving while license suspended.

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Teams from Scheer Motors and the Crawford County Avalanche get off to a running start. Paddlers from both teams would find themselves treading water before reaching the finish line.

## HUP Race sees more sinkers, new rivalries

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tape. A boat is paddled by a single canoeist, who must paddle a short distance upriver to a buoy and back. The best paddlers are capable of finishing the race in around two minutes. The race starts and finishes at the bridge connecting the Grayling City Park.

This year's host was 9&10 News anchor Brian Lawson, who opened the event by introducing each team. Right from the start insults flew as a clear rivalry between Weyerhaeuser and AJD Forest Products surfaced. Both teams were captained by a superhero, creating a comic book-like setup: *Strand Man vs. Captain AJD!* It was clear that this match would settle a question that has troubled the minds of Grayling residents for years: which local lumber company has the strength and bravery to master the currents of the mighty AuSable?

This was a high stakes event for other teams as well. Heads Up North, last year's winner, was back once again with paddler John Bartha, who was clearly looking to add another trophy to his wall.

Also, the American Legion, which won the "Most Creative Design" category last year, submitted yet another craft which pushed the boundaries in both intricacy and artistry. It was obvious at first glance that they were in contention for this award. Would the beginnings of a dynasty be formed?

Conversely, other teams had every intention of reversing their results from the year before. Last year's "Sinker" award winner, the Crawford County Avalanche's "ARRvalanche", returned with a vengeance and an aggressive new boat design, christened "Revenge of the ARRvalanche." They were in it to win.

Once the paddlers were in the water, all the pre-race speculation would be rendered moot. Shortly after 6 p.m., paddlers recited the opening pledge. After that, it was time to begin.

Despite the lessons that were learned in last year's race, several craft failed to remain afloat. Unlike in the Canoe Marathon, this was no disappointment to fans. The large audience cheered as racers tipped, sprang leaks and spelled their own doom as they filled their boats with water while frantically paddling toward the finish. The best part is that all the action is viewable from along the banks or on the bridge—which may be why the HUP Race is sometimes referred to as "the world's easiest spectator sport."

Once all was said and done team "City Slickers" from the City of Grayling took the win from last year's champs. Other results remained the same — the Legion Lanes team from the American Legion won "Most Creative Design" and Scheer Motors once again took the "Haven't Got a Clue Award," after submitting a boat that was nearly identical to last year's failed design. Maybe by 2006 they'll have picked up a firmer grasp on the principles of gravity and buoyancy.

The ARRvalanche sank once



A rescue kayak was on hand to assist racers. This service was not always needed, with some teams actually finishing the race at impressive speeds.

again, but the sinker award, rightfully, went to B.C. Pizza, a wedge shaped craft that was still being duct taped minutes before the race began.

What of our epic superhero match-up between Weyerhaeuser and AJD? Neither won, but Captain AJD had the faster time by a wide margin. An in-depth investigation by Avalanche reporters has revealed the secret identity of Strand Man to be none other than Geoff Henderson, a local Weyerhaeuser employee. He had this to say about the loss:

"I started to horse around at the very end. Had Strand Man not been such a crowd pleaser, he would have kicked the pants off AJD."

Strand Man cited the ability to please a crowd as being among his "many powers." Perhaps the source of his power comes from

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"We've got plans for next year's boat already. It's already underway," said Strand Man. He's not the only one with bigger and better plans for the future. According to race organizer Ann Stephenson, next year's race will be tweaked in order to add even more mayhem to the mix. Specifically, there will be heats every five minutes without exception — regardless of whether boats from previous heats are still on the water.

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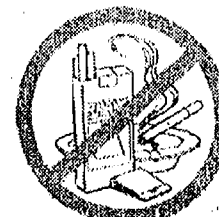
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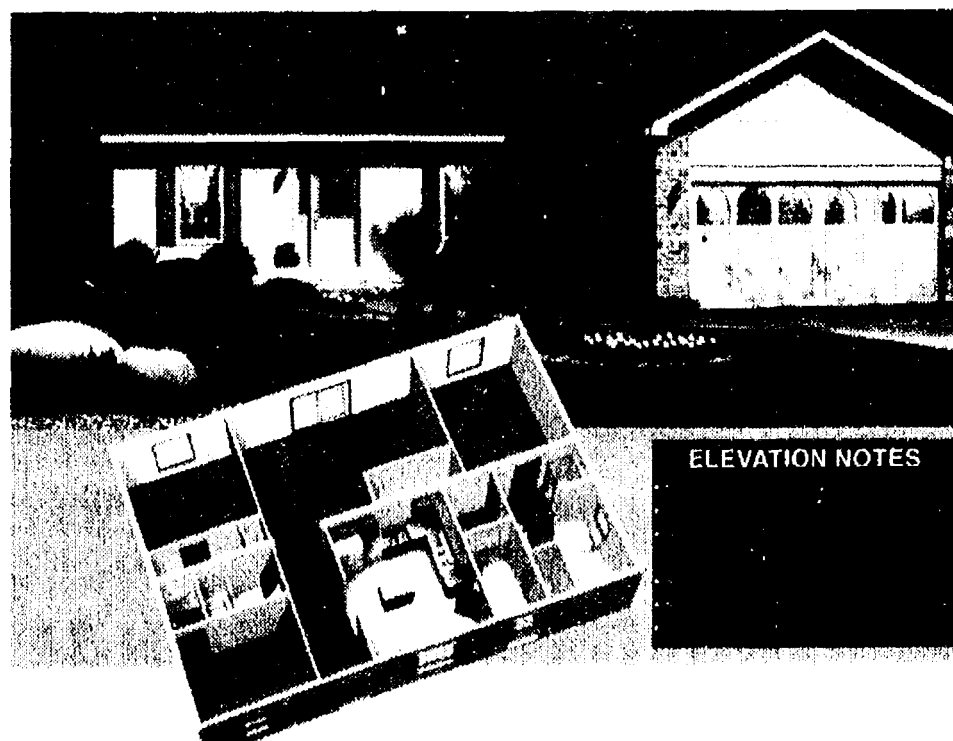
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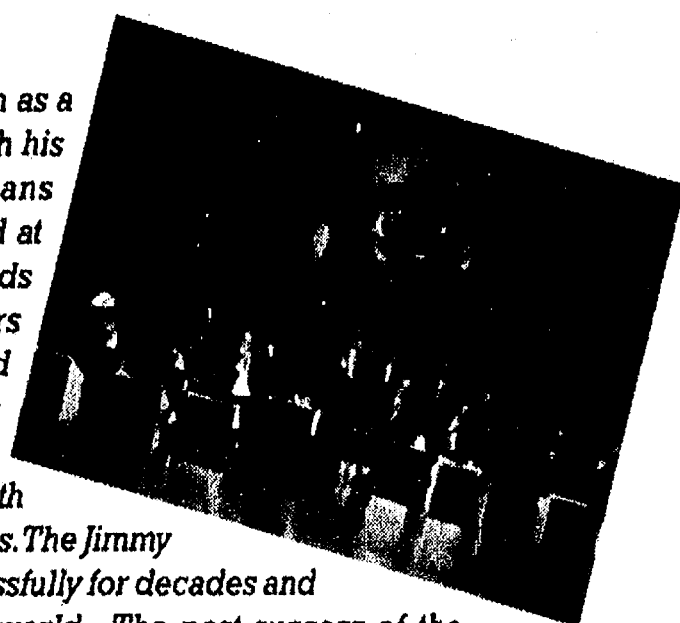
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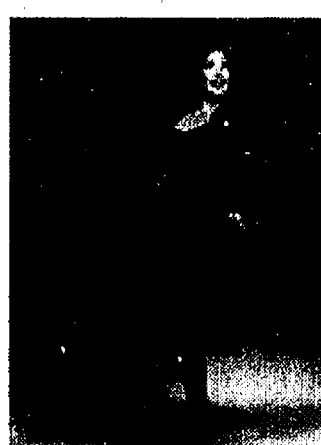


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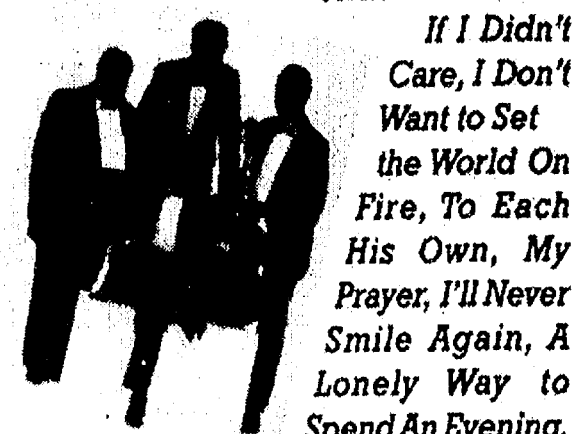
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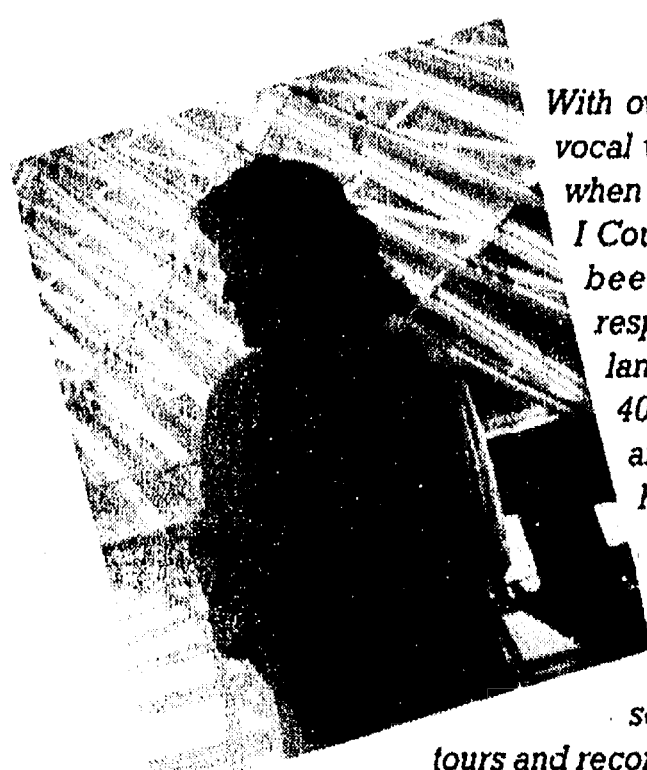
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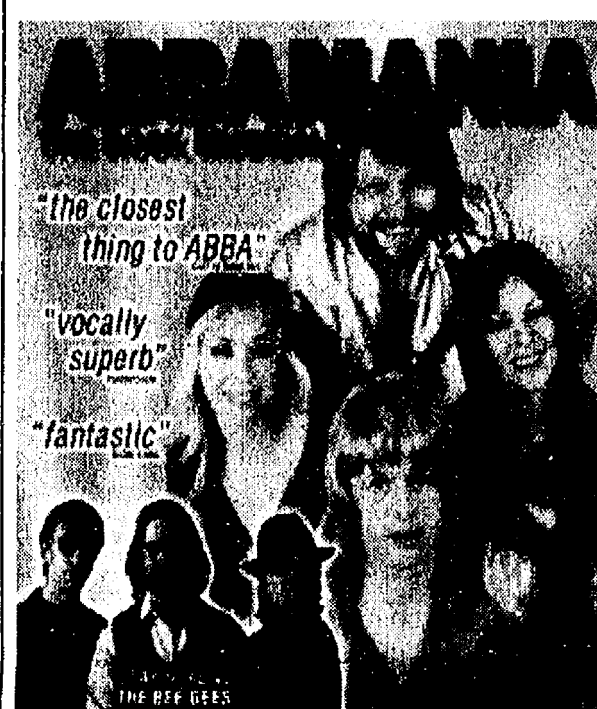
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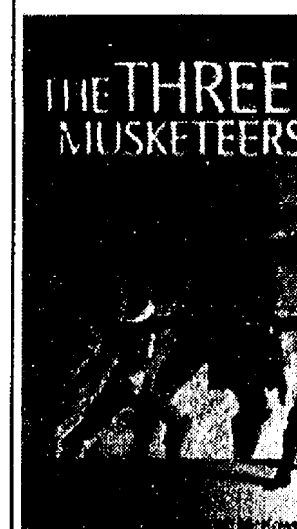
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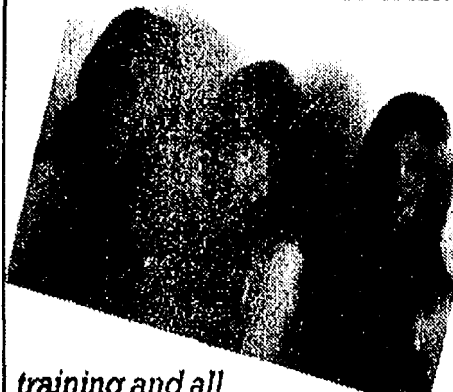


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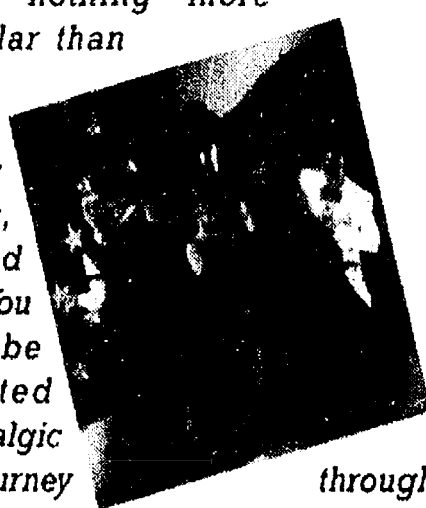
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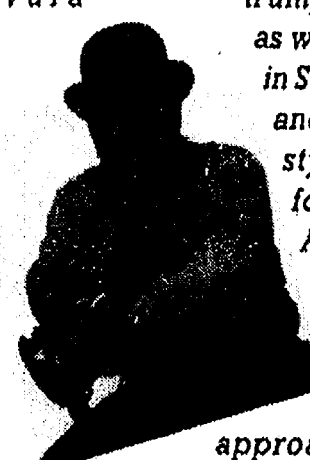
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# Students at annual seminar for young writers share more than stories

Sometimes the little voice inside poet Jack Ridl's head tells him that he's wasted his life.

"It has been said by some that art and poetry have no function," Ridl said, which would mean the little voice was correct. After pondering the thought for a moment, however, he let out a laugh.

Ridl was speaking to a group of aspiring young writers who had come to hear him read from his own works. The aging poet, who teaches the craft at Hope College, has made a career out of putting verse to paper and inspiring others to do the same.

He was invited to be a guest reader during the weeklong Controlled Burn Seminar for Young Writers in Roscommon, which took place July 3-10, where 17 students between the ages of 15 and 20 hung on his every word.

"This week is one of the most important things in your life right now," Ridl told them, reassuring them that it is the path chosen that matters and not necessarily the opinion others have of that choice.

For one week each summer, faculty from the Kirtland Community College English Department and others host the seminar, which builds on the students' skills as well as their confidence levels. Renowned writers from around the country join the Kirtland staff in teaching poetry and fiction writing, and share their work at nightly readings.

"To find a place like this that invites people so young to participate, and respects them, that is unique," said Rose Swartz, a student at Western Michigan University who was a student at the seminar for the fourth time. She was 16 the first time she came and the unique seminar helped her cement her decision to pursue creative writing in college.

"Most teachers would assume you don't know what you're doing and then teach from that level," she continued. She didn't find that to be the attitude of the teachers here, who are led by former Kirtland faculty members and poets, Jerry LaFemina and

Mary Ann Samyn, as well as Dan Crocker, who is currently a creative writing instructor at Kirtland.

For Swartz, it was a week during which she could write, learn and be evaluated by her peers.

"You get to be around a decent number of people who are your peers and are coming from the same place as you are - and the faculty are really just older versions of yourself," she noted.

The other participants invariably had similar responses.

"It's a different environment - you can do so much more here than you could otherwise," said Maranda Shear, a Grayling High School senior attending the seminar for her third consecutive year. "Here I can connect with people who know what I'm talking about. And when I talk to myself, I don't have to explain that - everyone here talks to themselves," she said with a laugh.

This was the eighth year for the seminar, which every year pitches these like-minded students together for a week at the R.A. MacMullen Conference Center on the north side of Higgins Lake. With rustic décor and the lake just a stroll through the woods, it's a location designed to make the visitor forget where they're from and focus on the day at hand.

At home in Merrill, 17-year-old Tori Wale would have had to deal with a 14-year-old brother who thinks her love of poetry is "crazy." But at the lake she could reflect on the fact that her great-grandmother also wrote poetry and that it was her English teacher who encouraged her to sign up for the seminar.

"I'm not good at taking criticism, but the way they do it here is good," Wale said, noting that in this, her second time at the seminar, she stretched out of her comfort zone a bit and signed up for the fiction class instead of poetry.

It was Wale who noted that each year, male writers make up only about one-third of the seminar attendees.

Brandon McAllister, a 19-year-old Wayne County Community College student, was one of

them, back for a second year. A student of fiction writing, McAllister said he's been writing since the eighth grade and he was aglow as he related the plot for a story of his that was taking shape during the seminar.

He explained that members of Crocker's fiction class were given the task of creating characters who all might live in the same small town. McAllister's character became the 72-year-old proprietor of the town's movie theater. In his story, when a meteor shower causes a blackout in the middle of a showing, the owner and the movie goers all make their way outside - and are treated to the best show of their lives.

"The old man had always dreamed of seeing the perfect movie," McAllister explained.

The Young Writer's Seminar was the dream of LaFemina, who came up with the concept for the intense workshop eight years ago and made it happen. A popular teacher while at Kirtland, LaFemina has continued to pour time and energy into keeping the seminar alive, even though he's helped plan it from across the country the past several years.

"This week is always the best one of the year for me," LaFemina said.

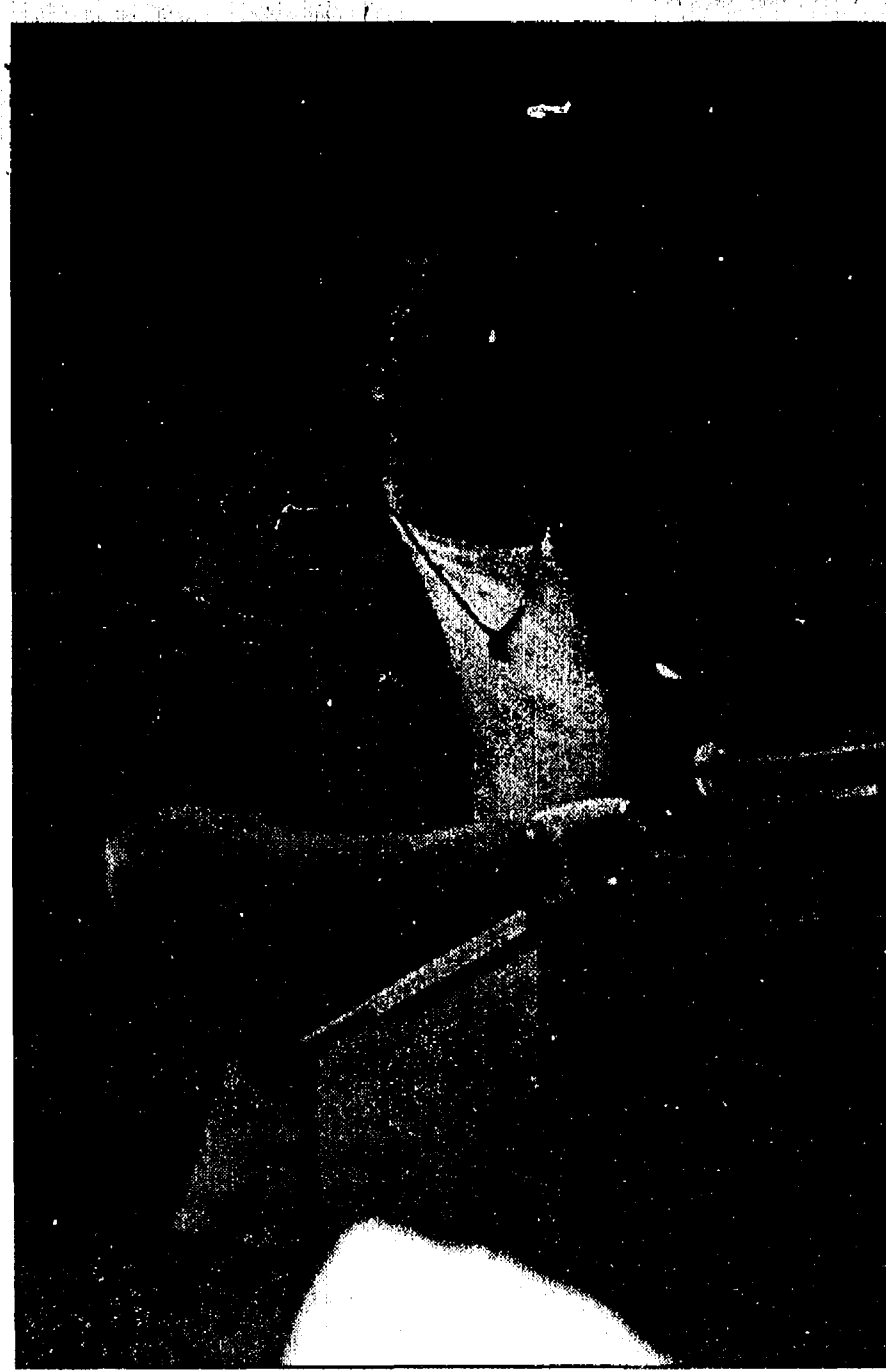
This year it was also a bitter-sweet week, for this is to be his last serving as host at the Kirtland event. Now on the faculty of Frostburg State University in Maryland, LaFemina said it was a tough decision.

Frostburg hosted a similar workshop for young writers for the first time this summer, however, with LaFemina on the staff, so his immense passion for this type of mentoring will not go by the wayside.

"Working with you all refreshes my soul," LaFemina said to the gathering of students and faculty who had come during the last day of the seminar to hear him read from his large body of work.

Several in attendance got up and faced the audience to say a few words about the man and his dream. LaFemina was graceful with the praise.

"I've been really lucky to culti-



Former Kirtland instructor and poet Jerry LaFemina addresses the audience at the young writers' seminar. LaFemina, who now teaches at a college in Maryland, established the annual seminar eight years ago.

vate a large group of writer friends and get them to come and teach for you," he said, referring to the steady stream of world-class writers who have been guests at the lake over the years.

Each one of those writers in attendance this year was equally as enthusiastic about his or her relationship with LaFemina.

"Wherever he goes, young people will benefit," said fiction writer Brenda Flanagan who was a keynote reader at this year's seminar and a big LaFemina fan.

Though he'll be missed by students and teachers alike, LaFemina's legacy will, with any luck, live on and Kirtland will continue to give young writers a place to write, to learn and to talk out loud - and to not listen to those little voices in their heads.

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Kerry Schreiber and Scott Millard of Roscommon, announce the arrival of their son, Dalton S., born at Mercy Hospital on July 16, 2005, weighing 7 lbs., 12 ozs. and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of July 24 - July 31:

Six private property accidents, one civil infraction, two traffic warnings, one larceny com-

plaint, two misdemeanor arrests, one civil complaint, eight alarm complaints, two suspicious situations, four juvenile complaints, 28 city ordinance violations, five disturbing the peace complaints, one minor in possession and 14 unclassified complaints.

## HONORS

### Central Michigan University

Central Michigan University announces May graduates from the Grayling area: Timothy D. Ormsbee with a Bachelor of Music degree; Elijah J. Tobin with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree; and Melody Warzecha with a Master of Business Administration degree.

### Card of Thanks

A special thanks to a very special lady, Barb Bowers. The lady behind a very fun filled "Kids Day." Even in the rain the show went on and we had many happy faces. I was proud to be a volunteer at this wonderful event.

Sharon Klinger

## Veteran's Hall of Honor seeking honorees

The Crawford AuSable School District Veteran's Committee wants to remind all past students of any of the Grayling area schools who have served in the military to take the time to enroll their name into the Hall of Honor registry. Simply fill out the form below and drop off or mail to Nancy Wells, Crawford AuSable School District main office, 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

You do not have to have been a graduate, but only had to attend one of the Grayling area schools for at least one year.

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## Boy Scout Troop 995 earn badges at Camp Rotary

Boy Scouts from local Troop 995 spent a week at Camp Rotary in Clare to earn advancements and have fun. This year Camp Rotary, which started in 1925, is celebrating their 80th birthday. The scouts collectively earned 27 merit badges and had one scout earn a rank advancement. Two scouts and two adult leaders took the BSA Snorkeling class and had fun exploring the swim area.

One of the scouts taking the Climbing Merit Badge was able to take part in the "Night Crawler" which was climbing a tower then repelling down on a 125-foot long zip line in the dark.

Other merit badges earned were First Aid, Lifesaving, Camping, Swimming, Archery, Cooking, Computers, Environmental Science, Photography, Leatherwork, Basketry, Woodcarving, Fishing, and Small Boat Sailing. Five of these badges are required for the rank of Eagle for which all of the scouts are working towards.

Three of the newer scouts went through the P.A.T.H. program, which is designed to help young scouts with requirements in their first couple of rank advancements. "I am very proud of the achievements our scouts earned at this year's camp, they really worked hard," said Scoutmaster Jim Pickell.

On Wednesday evening the



Local Boy Scout Troop 995 collectively earned 27 badges at Camp Rotary. Pictured in front, L to R: Corey Kiessel, Logan Woodley, Robert Thiel, Josh Sagg, Storm Shriver and Charter Representative Dave Shriver. Back row: Scoutmaster Jim Pickell, Dylan Nye, Assistant Scoutmaster Brian Aimesbury, Shawn Redmond, Matt Dunkel, Josh Aimesbury and Nathan Pickell.

camp held "Pig Roast Night" which also had games for the scouts to partake in with a western theme. The boys enjoyed dunking their scoutmaster in the dunk tank. Even some of the leaders had fun dunking the scoutmaster.

On Friday evening the camp held the closing campfire where troops had an opportunity to perform their favorite skits. Three scouts and one adult from

995 were elected into the "Order of the Arrow" by their troop and were "called out" in an impressive ceremony at the Friday evening campfire; the Order of the Arrow is a national society of honor campers dedicated to cheerful service composed of Boy Scouts, Explorers and Scouters. Troop 995 currently has eight scouts and four adults registered in the OA.

Troop 995 also earned the

Silver Award of Excellence. To earn this award the troop had requirements to meet throughout the week, such as: a clean camp site, proper fire and equipment procedures, being on time for colors, etc.

Troop 995 is accepting new troop members between the ages of 11 and 18.

For more information contact Scoutmaster Jim Pickell at 348-2870.

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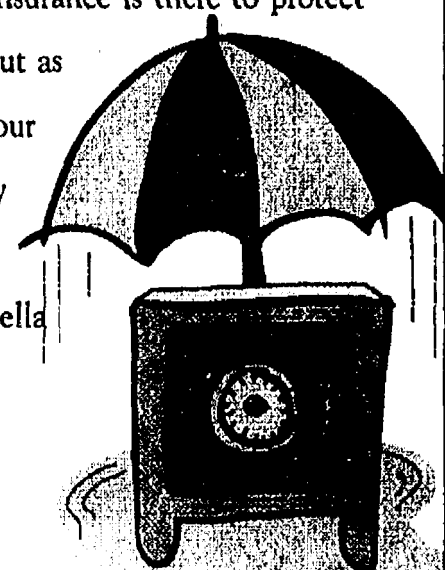
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# AuSable River Festival 2005



Photo by Dan Sanderson  
Tyler Helzer, 4, of Gaylord, climbs the rock wall in downtown Grayling during the AuSable River Festival as his grandmother Roberta Dodson of Johannesburg cheers him on.



Once again the craft show was a big success, with vendors offering a wide variety of goods.

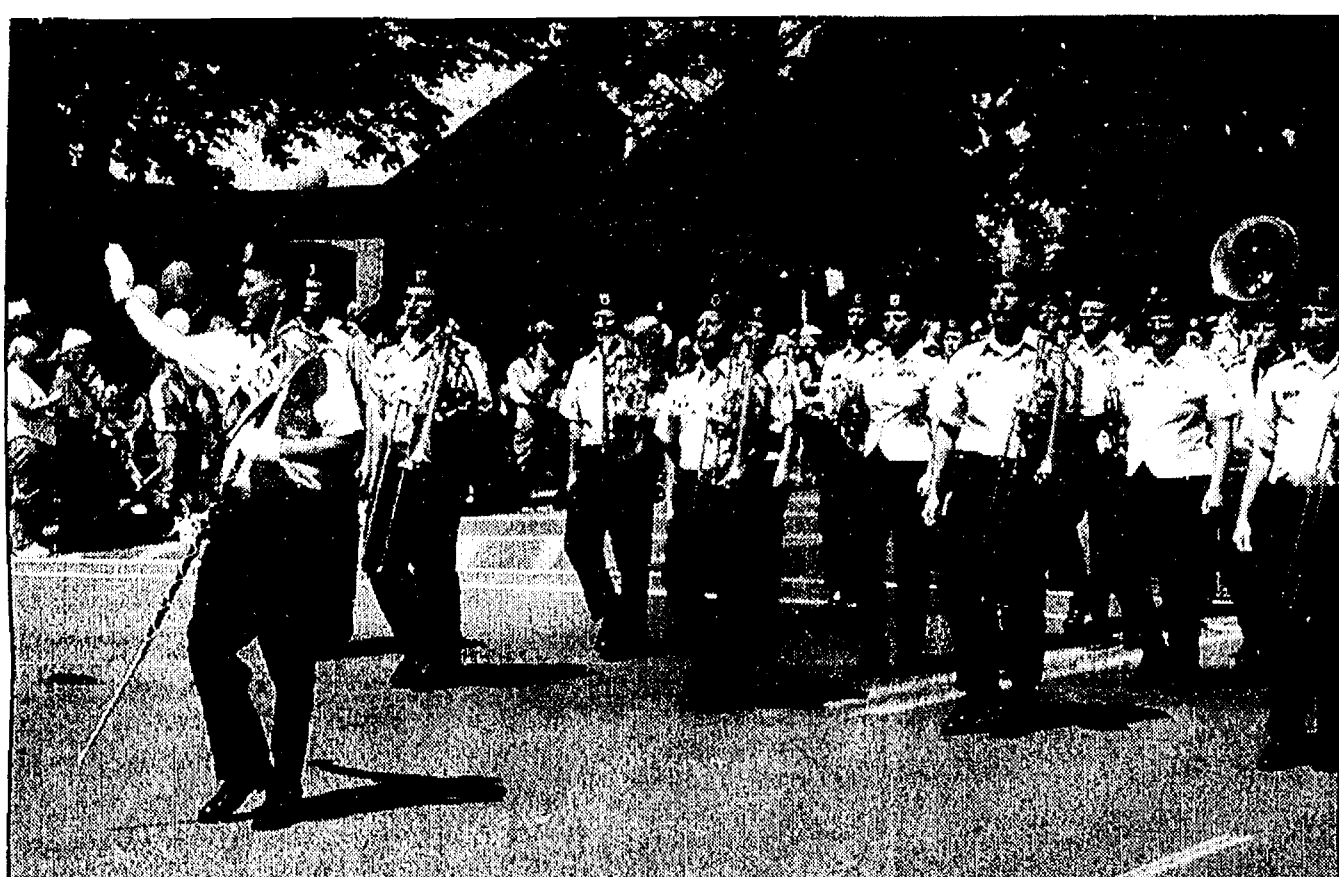


Photo by Dan Sanderson  
The 126th Army Band, which is based out of Wyoming, Mi., headed up the AuSable River Festival Parade.

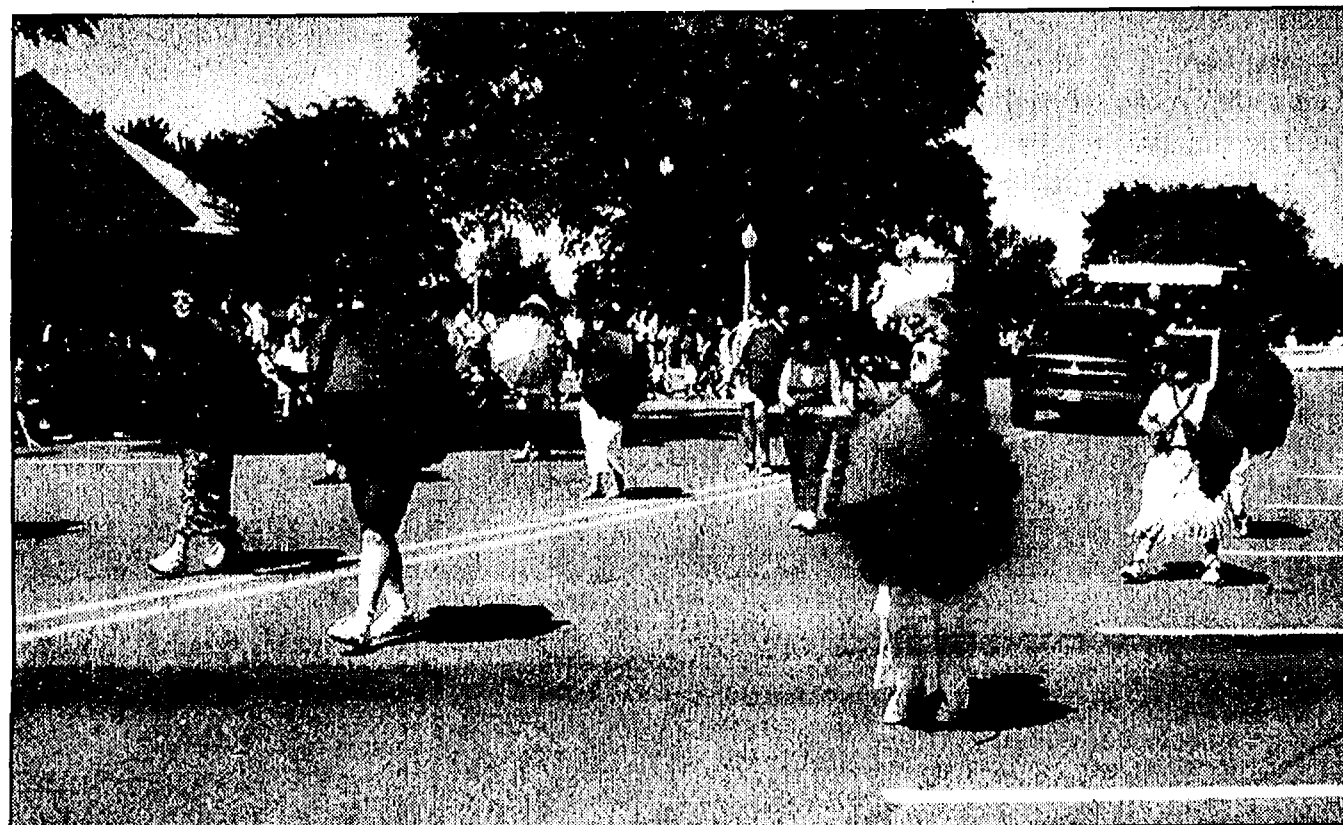


Photo by Dan Sanderson  
Members of Merciless Mamma, a Red Hat Society Chapter based out of Mercy Hospital Grayling, got their "groove on" with umbrellas during the AuSable River Festival Parade.



Jenny Long (left) and sister Kim share a laugh while exploring the craft show.



Jodie Burch (foreground) and Carrie MacFalda examine some of the quilts on display at the Icehouse Quilt Show.

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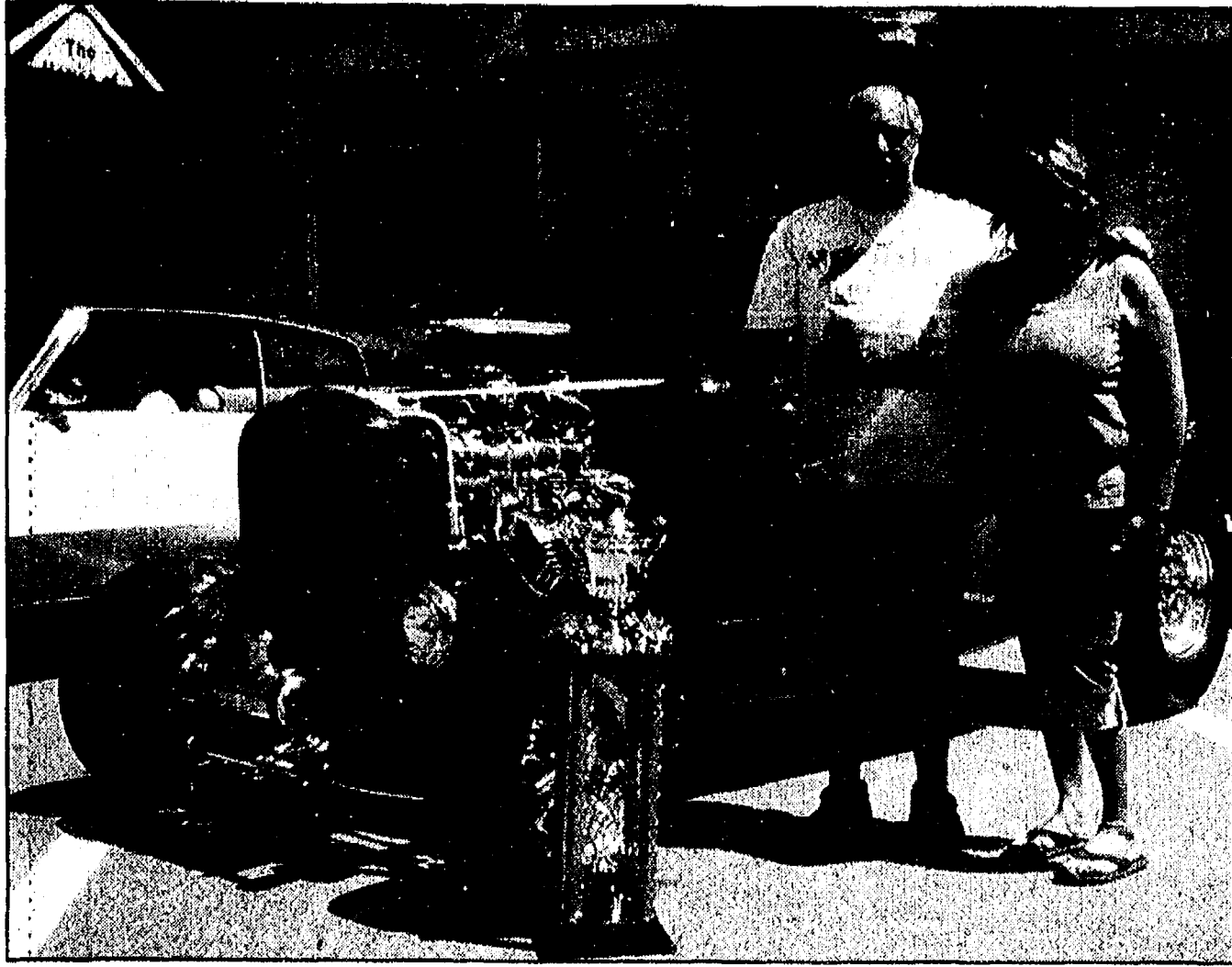


Photo by Dan Sanderson  
Ron and Mary Watson of Lake City took the "Best of Show Trophy" in the AuSable River Canoe Festival's Car Show with their 1932 Ford Coup.



Photo by Dan Sanderson  
Raeleigh Galvani pushes a dog in a stroller as part of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County's entry in the AuSable River Festival Parade. The Animal Shelter of Crawford County received the Grand Marshal's Award for the parade.



Photo by Dan Sanderson  
The Tittabawasee Valley Fife and Drum Corps added a historic and patriotic flair to the AuSable River Festival Parade.



Photo by Dan Sanderson  
Spouses and children of members of the 1071st Maintenance Company, a Camp Grayling unit currently serving in Iraq, showed support for the troops and thanked the community for their support with an entry in the AuSable River Festival Parade.



Quilts from all over Northern Michigan were on display at the Ice House Quilt Show. Viewers had the opportunity to vote for their favorite.

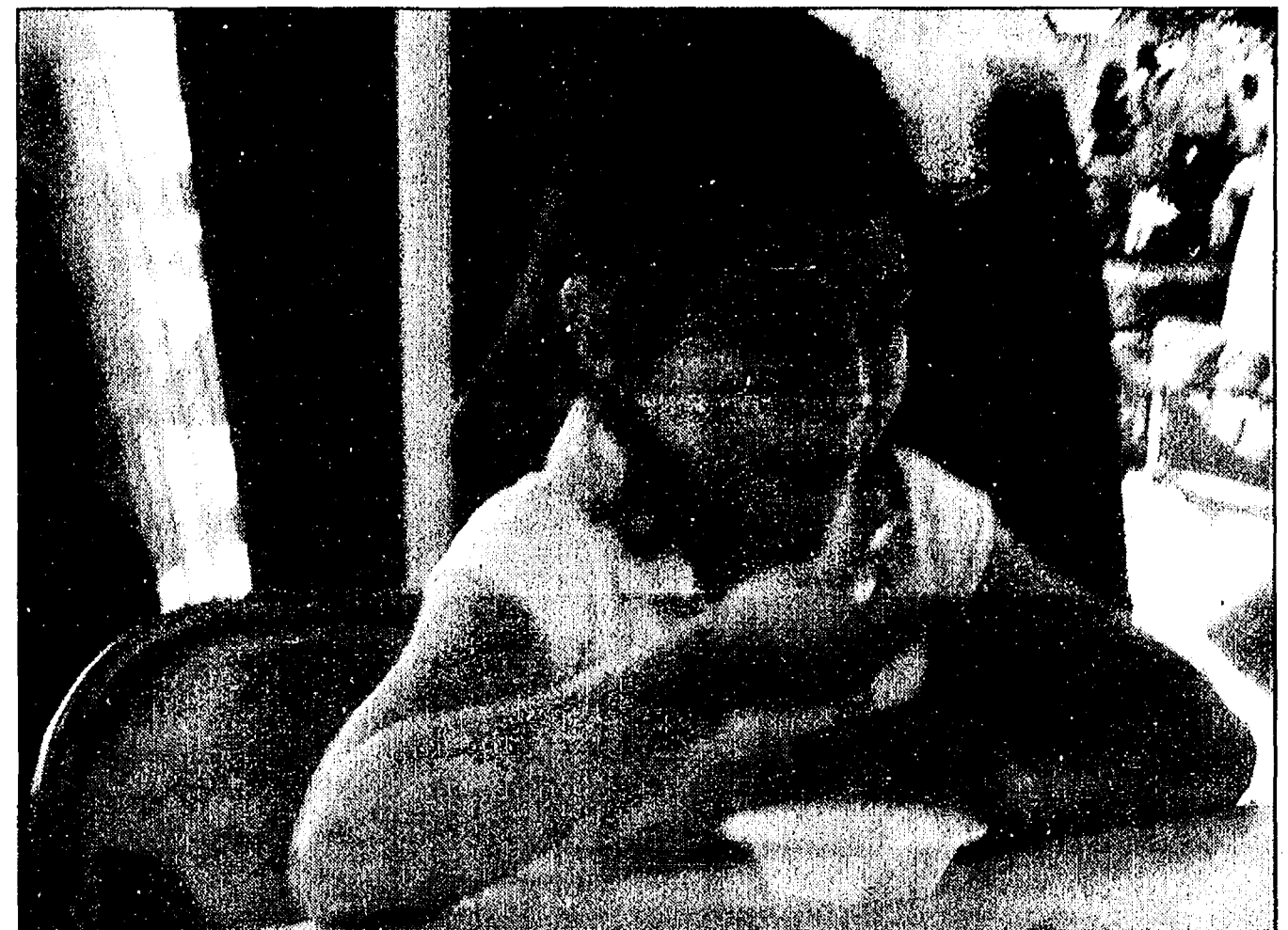


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Carlie Sloan, 9, took a break from the AuSable River Festival to enjoy a bowl of ice cream served at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church's Ice Cream Social.

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# Local team competes at Fragfest

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Late summer is a time when many teams are gearing up for the games they play. Football practice is starting. Soccer players are working on their footwork. For one local team, the event of the season took place all through the weekend. No, they weren't paddlers. They were PC gamers.

A squad of Grayling teens ventured to Traverse City to participate in Fragfest, a LAN (Local Area Network) computer game tournament that attracted over 80 players from across Northern Michigan, making it the biggest in the area.

"As technology moves forward, it will only become more popular," said team member Orland Dami, who was joined by Matt Hough, Brandon Burrick and Matt Seager to form the "Vice Presidential Action Rangers" (VPAR).

"The name came from an episode of Futurama. It gave so many visual possibilities for a logo it was something we couldn't not use," said Dami. As strange as the name sounds, it is actually consistent with the standard format for gaming teams. Names usually consist of a three or four letter acronym in brackets. For example, one of the competing teams was called ELF.

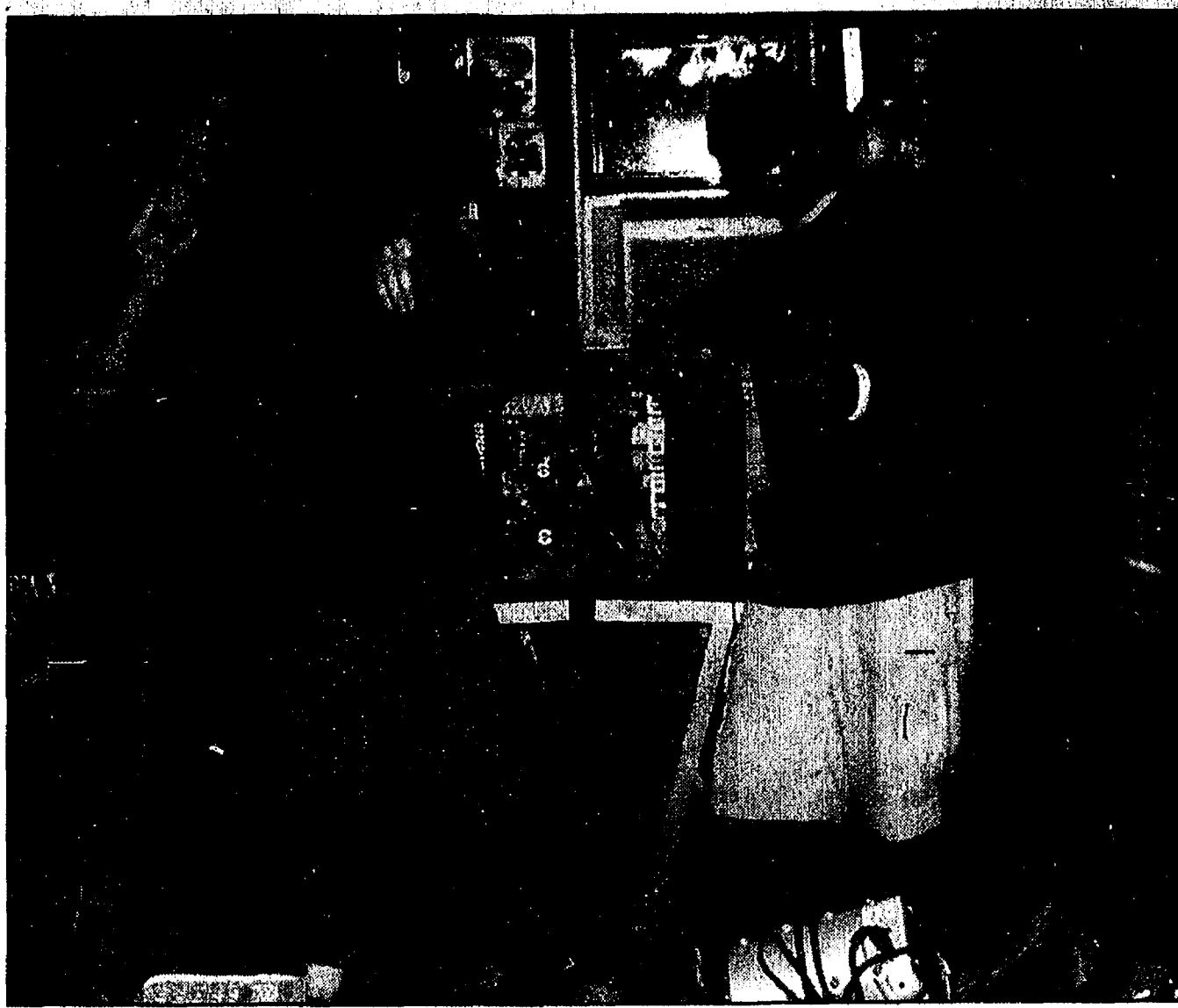
If this seems confusing, it is probably because the world of competitive gaming has evolved to the point that it has its own rules and subculture. By nature, it is unique in the world of competitive activities. Since it involves no real physical activity it is clearly not a sport, but it lacks the limited options and strategies that are found in traditional games like chess. A player takes on a persona in a digital environment and behaves as if he or she was present in real life.

Of course, games offer certain advantages over reality. A player can run at 20 m.p.h. without getting tired, and getting shot and killed represents the loss of a point, not the tragic loss of a life.

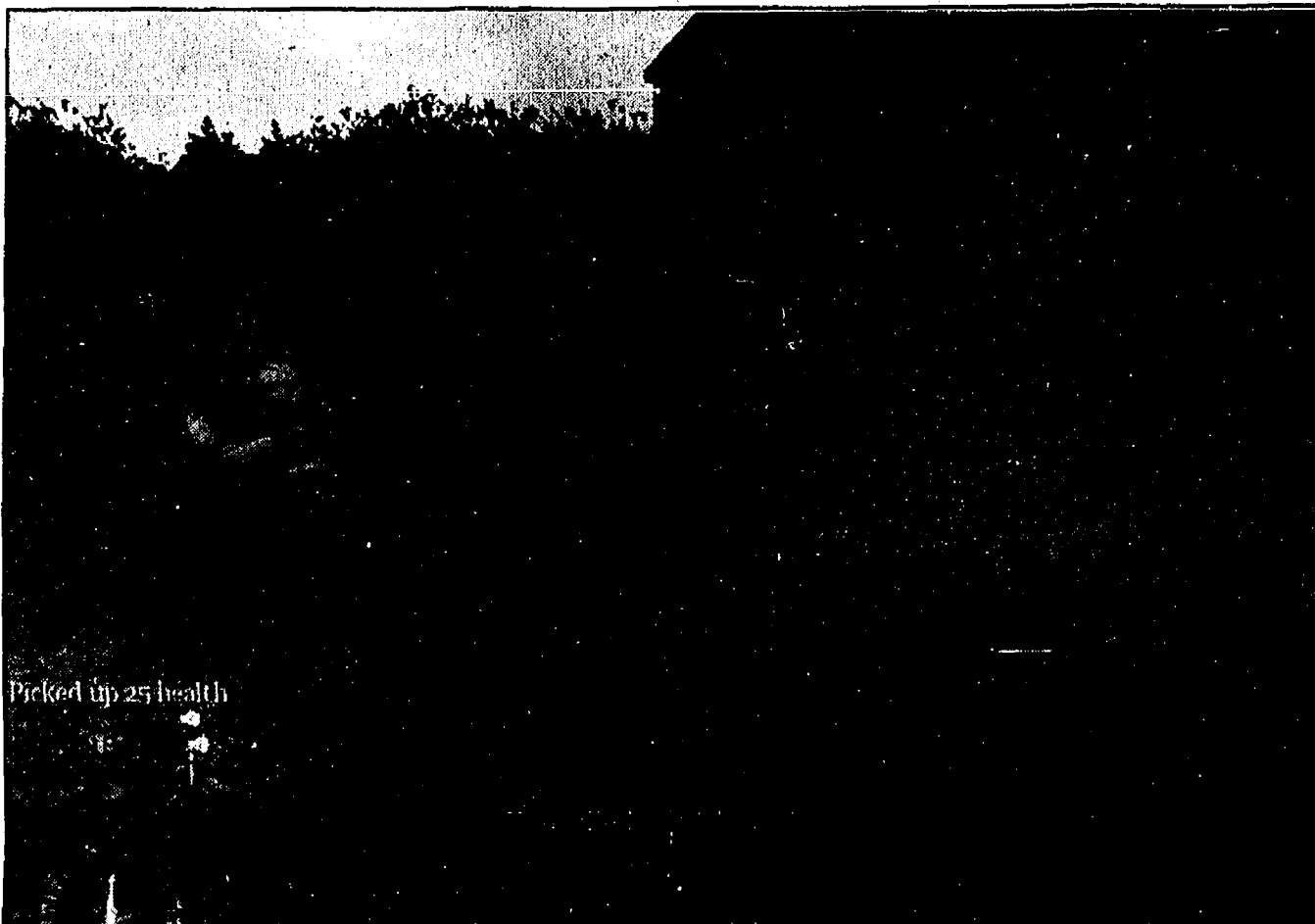
It is in this environment that VPAR trained for the competition. Their game of preference is *Call of Duty*, a World War II shooter developed by Infinity Ward.

The *Call of Duty* tournament rules were simple: the first team to score 80 frags (kills) wins. After the round ends, the teams switch sides, meaning that each team plays as both Americans and Germans. Since these two World War II factions utilize different weapons, teams play both sides for fairness and balance reasons.

In round one, the local team was pitted against ELF, a team of hardened veterans who had a clear advantage over VPAR. Nevertheless, VPAR managed to score an impressive 72 frags to ELF's 80 in the first half. They didn't do so well in the second round, losing with a frag count in the mid-sixties.



The Vice Presidential Action Rangers are (from left): Orland Dami, Matt Seager, Matt Hough and Brandon Burrick. "I liked being able to get together with other gamers and see how we were compared to them," said Hough.



This screen was taken right after a firefight in *Call of Duty*. A well placed grenade can end a battle in an instant.

"The addition of a fifth player we've never met really didn't help our strategy," said Dami. Since VPAR was a four person team, they were forced to draft a floater for the 5 vs. 5 tournament.

The team's spirits were boosted by their second match, where they easily defeated a far less adept team. A healthy mix of close combat machine gunners and sniper support seemed to be the key to their success.

Round three saw VPAR pitted against 8\* (pronounced "eight star"), the undefeated champions of every past Fragfest. VPAR was beaten by the more experienced team, but they did manage to take the lead in the early part of the match's second half.

In the end, 8\* won once again, with VPAR taking third place out of the five teams that entered the *Call of Duty* tournament. Overall, the Grayling team members were not disappointed in themselves.

"I thought we did pretty good. We weren't the best but we didn't (play poorly)," said Hough. "We're not pros. We got third. That's good," said Burrick.

"I'm glad that the only reason we were beaten by the two other teams was because they devote much more time to gaming than I ever will," said Dami. Dami also noted that, sadly, the best gamers often lack the humility and courtesy that is encouraged in other competitive activities.

"Sportsmanship was our major strong point," said Dami. "Although we were beaten in the end, we still put up a strong fight. We did not give them an easy victory."

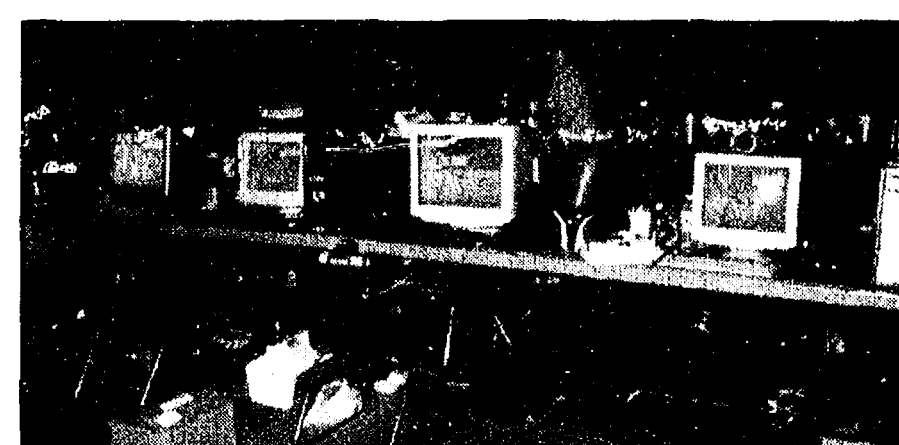
Dami also said that although the tournament was the highlight of Fragfest, he enjoys the personal feel of smaller, local LAN games.

"I expected a LAN party similar to the ones I already have, with just a lot more people," said

Dami. "It's a lot more fun when you know who you are fighting," said Dami.

Whether a gamer prefers large or small events, one thing is clear: this is a serious activity that is quickly growing in popularity among youth in Crawford County, and in America as a whole. As game sales continue to skyrocket (videogame sales surpassed box office ticket revenues last year) and technology becomes less expensive and more accessible, more and more of these events will be taking place within the public eye.

In fact, Crawford County's first official LAN tournament has already been scheduled. Nelson Computers & Electronics will be hosting a LAN event on Saturday, August 13 in the Century 21 building near K-Mart. For more information or to sign up, interested players can call Ryan Nelson at 989-348-1049.



Fragfest took place in the Traverse City Civic Center. Over 80 computers were networked together in this space for three days. Participants survived, mostly, on caffeine and junk food.

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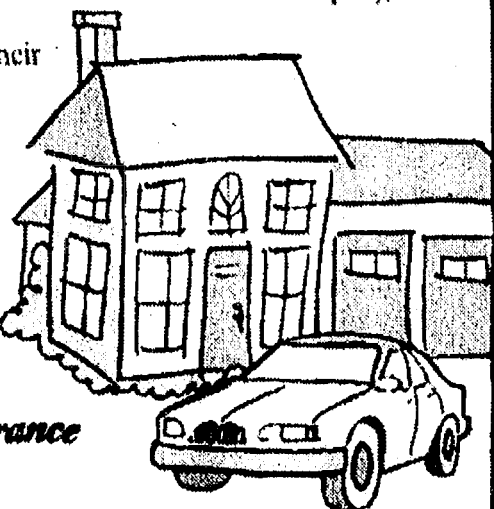
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## Kolka, Corbin edge Triebold, Rimer in one of the closest AuSable River Canoe Marathons ever

*One second separates first and second place finishers in 2005*

■ Forty-seven out of 52 teams finish 2005 AuSable River Canoe Marathon

Jeff Kolka, 46, of Grayling, and Serge Corbin, 48, of Quebec, posted their ninth AuSable River Canoe Marathon victory as a team on Sunday in one of the closest finishes in AuSable Marathon history.

Kolka and Corbin edged Andrew Triebold, 28, of Spring Arbor, and Matthew Rimer, 21, of Horton, by one second in the final standings. The Kolka-Corbin team finished the 120-mile race in 14:56:11 and the Triebold-Rimer team posted a time of 14:56:12.

"A great race," said Tim Zigila, AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee Co-Chair. "It was what we expected to see — the top two teams battling it out all the way to the end. We had a truly amazing finish. A great event all the way through."

Triebold and Rimer were the first competitors to reach the AuSable River at Ray's during the start of the Marathon on Saturday night. They earned a

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See "KOLKA, CORBIN..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

Paddling teams enter the river at Ray's Canoe Livery during the start of the 58th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon on Saturday night. Fifty-two teams started the 2005 race, and 47 of them finished.



Tim Valko and Clark Kent (left) and Ted Kolka and Mo Harwood (right) walk past AuSable Marathon spectators during the pre-race program's paddler introductions on Saturday. Valko and Kent finished 7th in this year's Marathon and Kolka and Harwood placed 5th.



## Triebold, Rimer post best sprint time at 2005 Time Trials

■ Eight of the top 10 teams at Time Trials finish in AuSable Marathon's top 10

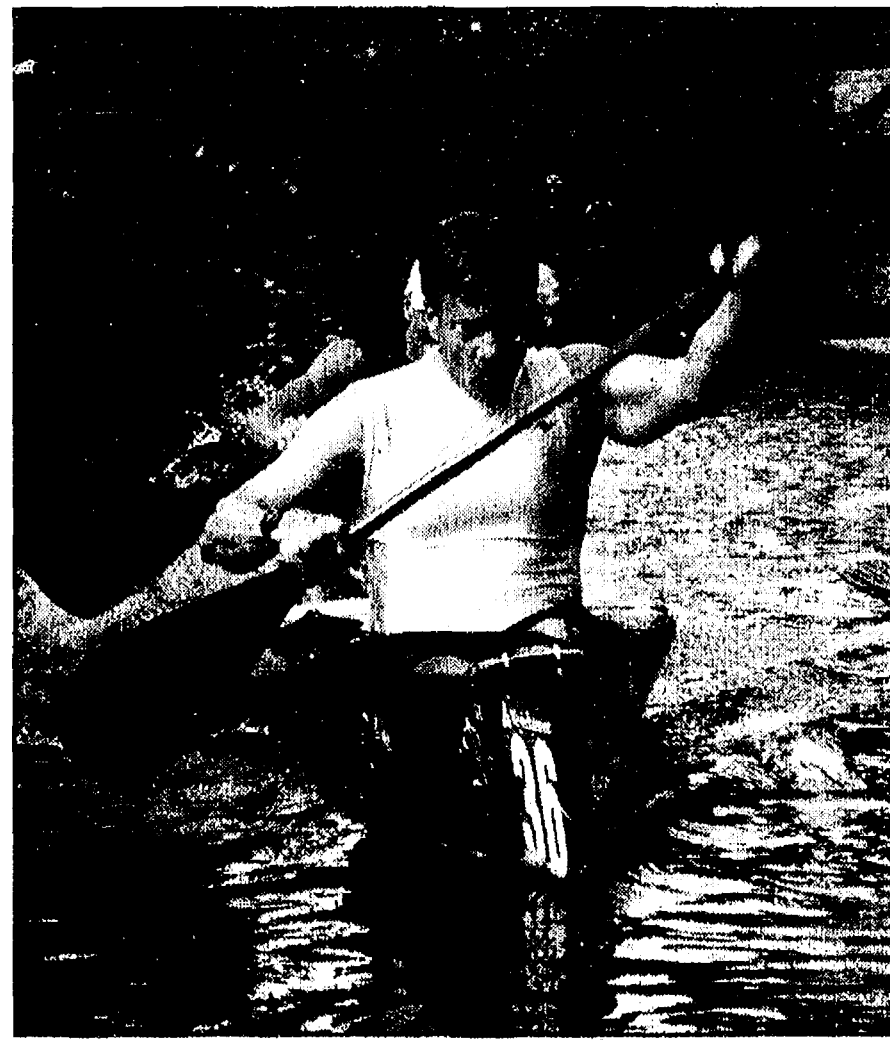
Matthew Rimer and Andy Triebold posted the best sprint time at this year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon Time Trials — an event that determines starting positions for the AuSable Marathon's run to the river.

Rimer and Triebold completed the looped course at Penrod's with a time of 5:24.41 on Friday. Rimer and Triebold were the last team to sprint. Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin — a team that sprinted on Thursday, day one of the two-day Time Trials event — posted the second best sprint time at 5:37.52.

Kolka and Corbin went on to win the 2005 AuSable Marathon, edging Triebold and Rimer by one second — 14:56:11 to 14:56:12.

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Michael Garon and Bill DuBois paddle towards the Time Trials finish line on Thursday.



Robert Bradford and Al Widing Sr. compete in Thursday night's sprints for position event at Penrod's.




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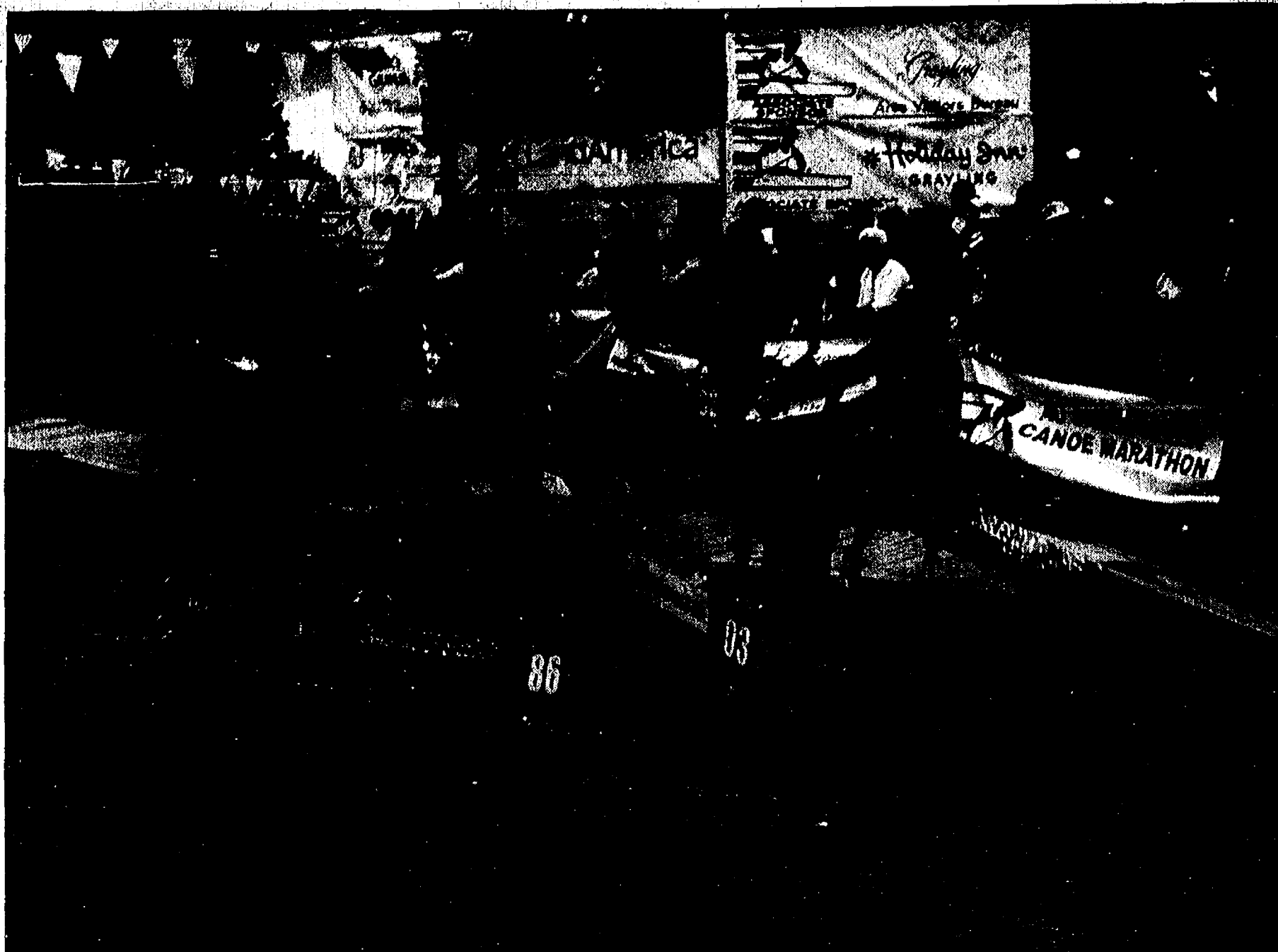


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The 2005 AuSable River Canoe Marathon gets under way on Saturday night at Ray's Canoe Livery.

## Kolka, Corbin edge Triebold, Rimer in one of the closest AuSable River Canoe Marathons ever

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front row position for the run to the river by posting the best sprint time this year.

Triebold and Rimer led Kolka and Corbin by one minute and 16 seconds at Burton's Landing -- the first timing checkpoint. Jim Harwood, 40, of Grayling, and Allen Limberg, 47, of Wisconsin, were 3rd, Rick Joy, 46, of Silverwood, and Bill Torongo, 43, of Roscommon, were 4th, and Ted Kolka, 39, of Grayling, and Mo Harwood, 26, of Grayling, were 5th.

Triebold and Rimer led Kolka and Corbin at Stephan Bridge (1:15:04 to 1:16:07), Wakeley Bridge (1:45:37 to 1:45:39), and McMasters Bridge (2:48:08 to 2:48:11).

Kolka and Corbin were in the top spot at Parmalee Bridge.

They led Triebold and Rimer by three seconds. Limberg and Harwood were in 3rd, Kolka and Harwood were 4th, and Joy and Torongo 5th.

At Camp 10 Bridge -- the sixth of 15 AuSable Marathon timing checkpoints -- Limberg and Harwood had moved into 1st place. Kolka and Corbin were three seconds back, and Triebold and Rimer were 3rd -- six seconds behind the leaders.

By Mio Dam, the seventh checkpoint, Triebold and Rimer were back in the lead (5:29:51). Kolka and Corbin were 2nd at 5:29:57 and Limberg and Harwood had slipped to 3rd (5:30:10).

Triebold and Rimer led Kolka and Corbin by four seconds (7:21:05 to 7:21:09) at McKinley Bridge. Triebold and Rimer had a one-second advantage at both 4001 Bridge and Alcona Dam.

At Loud Dam -- the 11th checkpoint -- Triebold and Rimer were two seconds ahead of Kolka and Corbin. Harwood and Limberg were 3rd, Kolka and Harwood were 4th, and Joy and Torongo were 5th.

Kolka and Corbin had a one-second edge over Triebold and Rimer at Five Channels Dam (11:18:41 to 11:18:42). Harwood and Limberg trailed the leaders by 16 seconds with a time of 11:18:57. Joy and Torongo were in 4th place, two seconds ahead of Kolka and Harwood (11:30:23 to 11:30:25).

Triebold and Rimer led Kolka and Corbin 12:21:59 to 12:22:08 at Cooke Dam. Harwood and Limberg were seven seconds behind Kolka and Corbin. In the battle for 4th and 5th, Kolka-Harwood led Joy-Torongo by two seconds (12:34:56 to 12:34:58).

At Foote Dam -- the last checkpoint until the finish line at Oscoda -- Triebold and Rimer (13:35:30) had a six-second advantage over Kolka and Corbin (13:35:36), with Limberg and Harwood (13:35:42) still in the mix at 12 seconds behind the leaders. Joy and Torongo were back in 4th, three seconds ahead of Harwood and Kolka (13:52:22 to 13:52:25).

Kolka and Corbin and Triebold and Rimer were side by side down the stretch. In the end, Kolka and Corbin won by one



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**Rick Joy and Bill Torongo work through a portage at Foote Dam on Sunday morning.**

second with a final time of 14:56:11. Triebold and Rimer finished 2nd at 14:56:12. Harwood and Limberg placed 3rd at 15:03:42. Joy and Torongo took 4th (15:17:59) and Kolka and Harwood were 5th (15:21:13).

Ian Cote, 33, and Guy Rousseau, 42, both of Quebec, finished 6th (15:27:01), Clark Kent, 45, of Lapeer, and Tim Valko, 36, of Pinckney, took 7th (15:29:12), Steve Watson, 33, of Onaway, and John Sullivan, 35, of Grayling, were 8th (15:31:17), Nicholas Bauer, 45, and Brad Bauer, 31, both of Washington, placed 9th (15:36:50), and Jason Hall, 27, of Crystal, and Josh Taylor, 26, of Grayling, finished 10th (15:42:21).

Colin Hunter, 24, of Grayling, and Ted Smutck, 37, of Luzerne (11th), Ray Trudgeon, 23, of Grand Ledge, and Tom Trudgeon, 46, of Grayling (12th), Bruce Byrnes, 53, and

Russ Reker, 41, both of Lapeer (13th), Kate Ellis, 49, and Todd Ellison, 44, both of Minnesota (14th), and Pete Mead, 24, of Traverse City, and Brad Gross, 36, of Pinconning (15th) all finished in the top 15.

Don Brooks, 36, of Beaverton, and Mitch McMillan, 30, of Clare, took 16th, Sean Casey, 27, of Grayling, and Matt Meersman, 28, of Indiana, finished 17th, Fred Mills, 51, of Roscommon, and Joseph Seifert, 53, of Grayling, placed 18th, Jon Webb, 45, of Hubbard Lake, and Todd VanDeVen, 33, of Grayling, were 19th, and Michael Garon, 47, of Washington, MI, and Bill DuBois, 47, of Jackson, finished 20th.

Ellis and Ellison were the top mixed team this year. Joe Shaw, 50, of Massachusetts, and Karine Pellerin, 28, of Quebec, placed 2nd in the mixed division and 21st overall.

The only women's team in this year's AuSable Marathon -- Connie Cannon, 44, of East Lansing, and Amy Solak, 40, of Traverse City -- finished 26th.

Al Widing Sr., 80, of Mio, and Robert Bradford, 62, of Lapeer -- the oldest team in the 2005 Marathon -- finished 22nd.

Forty-seven teams finished this year's AuSable Marathon. Fifty-two teams started the race.

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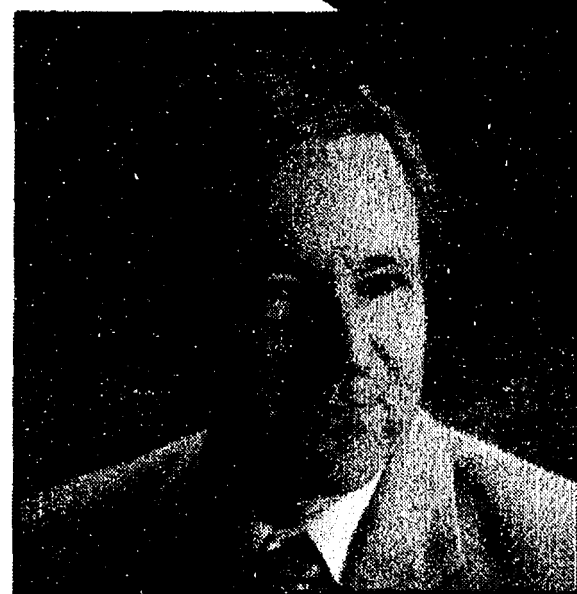
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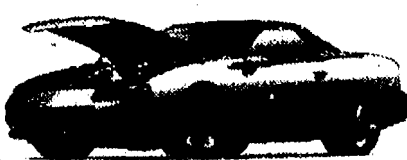


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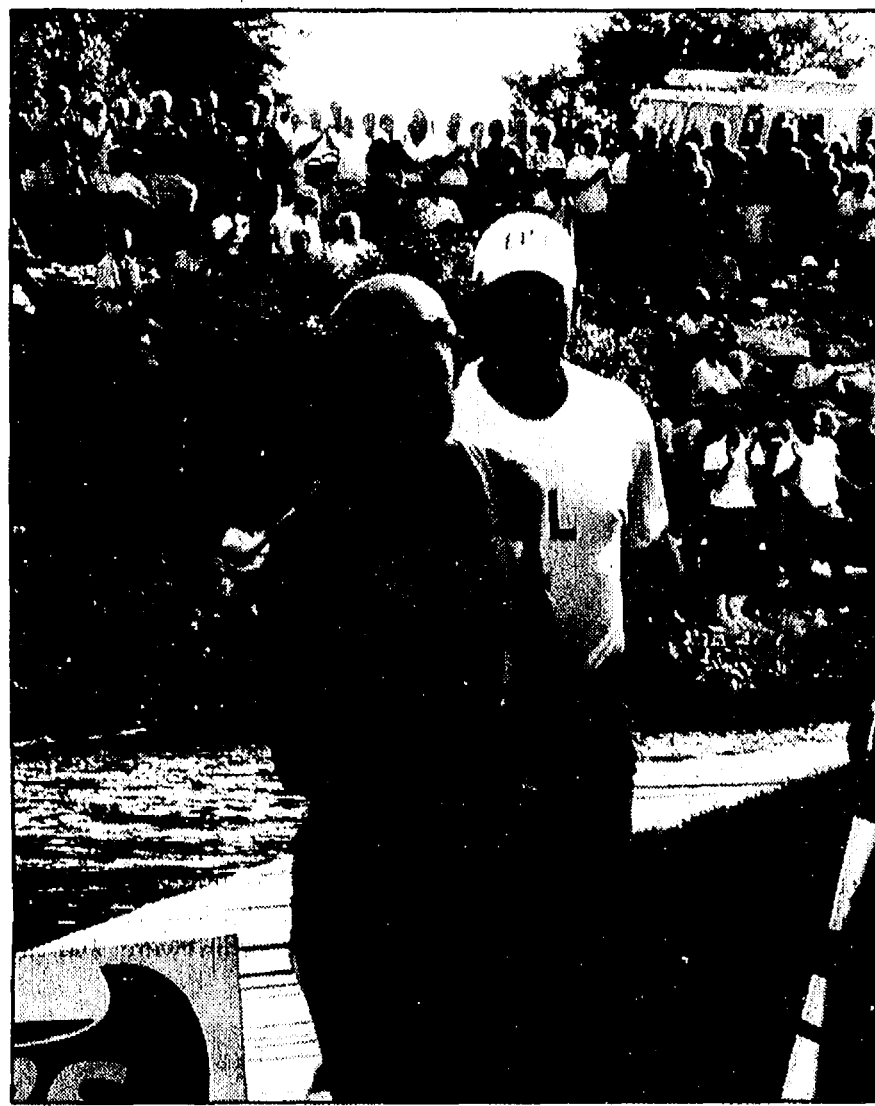
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02	01	14:58:12	Matthew Rimer	Andrew Triebold	28	54	16:47:06	Nate Winkler	Lynne Witte
03	02	15:03:42	Jim Harwood	Allen Limberg	29	60	16:48:12	Ted Matthews	Joey Kinsel
04	14	15:17:59	Rick Joy	Bill Torongo	30	26	16:50:35	Jeff Baerfocher	Craig Jacobs
05	03	15:21:13	Ted Kolka	Mo Harwood	31	88	16:50:57	Bill Brundage	Barb Bradley
06	21	15:27:01	Ian Cote	Guy Rousseau	32	45	16:52:07	Chris Scully	Rodney Matthews
07	82	15:29:12	Clark Kent	Tim Valko	33	69	16:53:18	Joe Leusby	Robert Stockton
08	86	15:31:17	Steve Watson	John Sullivan	34	23	16:54:55	Ashley Marsh	Brad Spies
09	07	15:36:50	Nicholas Bauer	Brad Bauer	35	71	16:59:31	Allan DuBois	Jeff Dubois
10	13	15:42:21	Jason Hall	Josh Taylor	36	17	17:27:24	Jim Bauer	Alison Scott
11	22	15:43:25	Colin Hunter	Ted Smutek	37	64	17:31:51	Fred Rayman	Dave Timmerman
12	62	15:45:05	Ray Trudgeon	Tom Trudgeon	38	73	17:39:34	Greg Nelson	Al Duckworth
13	18	15:52:10	Bruce Byrnes	Russ Fleker	39	44	17:39:35	Dwight Walker	Ed Lazar
14	37	15:54:37	Kate Ellis	Todd Ellison	40	48	17:53:22	Gabe Williams	Mark Church
15	08	15:58:11	Pete Mead	Brad Gross	41	12	18:03:41	Chad Brandt	Chris McKenzie
16	06	15:58:56	Don Brooks	Mitch McMillan	42	43	18:10:46	Jim Laurent	Mike Hartman
17	63	16:02:17	Sean Casey	Matt Meersman	43	47	18:11:09	Stephanie Larsen	Jeff DeFeo
18	40	16:03:00	Fred Mills	Joseph Seifert	44	97	18:12:19	Brett Thunstrom	Dave Dahl
19	58	16:07:31	Jon Webb	Todd VanDeVen	45	61	18:25:24	Chuck Hewitt	Chris Hewitt
20	36	16:11:25	Michael Garon	Bill DuBois	46	94	18:27:32	Frank Smutek	Rejean Huard
21	98	16:15:20	Joe Shaw	Karine Pellerin	47	72	18:50:37	Garth Greenan	Grant Tally
22	09	16:17:31	Al Widing, Sr.	Robert Bradford	DNF	87	DROP	Rodney Halstead	Ryan Halstead
23	42	16:19:57	Jon Thompson	Brian Royce	DNF	95	DROP	Rick Gillings	Mindy Bennett
24	83	16:26:01	Ray Bauer	Tom Ackemeyer	DNF	136	DQ	Mark Noorman	Troy Winters
25	24	16:31:42	Nick Walton	Bob Mitchell	DNF	70	DROP	PC Randolph	Doug Heady
26	10	16:32:15	Connie Cannon	Amy Solak	DNF	117	DQ	Frank Taber	Frank Bailey

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(Left) Tom Trudgeon and Ray Trudgeon, a father-and-son team, and (right) Al Widing Sr. and Robert Bradford, the oldest team in this year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon, are introduced during the pre-race program at Ray's Canoe Livery on Saturday.



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Colin Hunter and Ted Smutek receive their paddler introduction during Saturday night's pre-race festivities.



(Left) Jon Webb and Todd VanDeVen and (right) Jim Harwood and Allen Limberg walk past the fans during paddler introductions on Saturday.

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Leaves Grayling	4:30 p.m.

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##### Scheduled For August 2005

##### Trip #1

Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2005

Destination: Victorias Casino - Petoskey

Departs Grayling: 8:30 a.m.

Arrives Back in Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

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Destination: Oscoda - Paddle Boat Ride

Event: "Out to Lunch Gang Trip"

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## Triebold, Rimer post best sprint time at 2005 Time Trials

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Ted Kolka and Mo Harwood posted the third best sprint time in 2005 (5:42.10), Rick Joy and Bill Torongo were 4th (5:50.28), and Jim Harwood and Allen Limberg placed 5th (5:50.60) at Time Trials.

Kolka and Harwood finished 5th in the 2005 Marathon, Joy and Torongo took 4th, and Harwood and Limberg placed 3rd.

Clark Kent and Tim Valko placed 6th at sprints (5:50.70) and 7th in the Marathon. Steve Watson and John Sullivan finished 7th at Time Trials with a sprint time of 5:54.33, and they took 8th in the Marathon. Nicholas Bauer and Brad Bauer posted a sprint time of 5:55.14 (8th) and finished 9th in the AuSable Marathon.

Rodney Halstead and Ryan Halstead finished 9th at Time

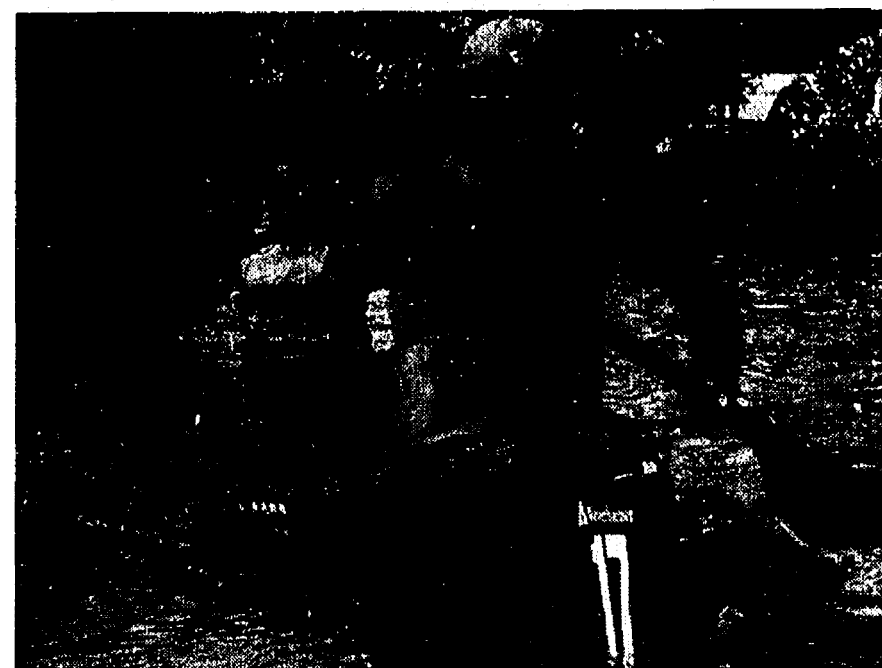


Photo by Caleb Casey

Jim Bauer and Allison Scott finish the sprint course on Thursday.

Trials (5:55.53) and Pete Mead and Brad Gross placed 10th with a time of 6:03.99.

Eight of the top 10 AuSable River Canoe Marathon finishers

this year also finished in the top 10 at Time Trials.

A complete list of this year's sprint times is available on Page 5B.



## Grayling Youth Booster Club 10th Annual Summer Fling 2005 Golf Classic Division Winners!



### Seniors: 1st Place

Steve McNitt,  
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Bill Heinz

### Seniors: 2nd Place

Tom Hunt,  
Irv McIsaac,  
Bill Holton,  
Roger Buskirk

### Womens: 1st Place

Lize Tate,  
Beth Wheeler,  
Jodi Hinkle,  
Connie Gates

### Womens: 2nd Place

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Forest Dunes	Marsh Ridge	Golf
Fox Run	Michaywe	White Deer
Gladwin Heights	Mount Pleasant	

### Mens: 1st Place

Josh Hinkle,  
Ryan Davis,  
Derek Johnston,  
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### Mens: 2nd Place

Cliff Wheeler,  
Danny Walker,  
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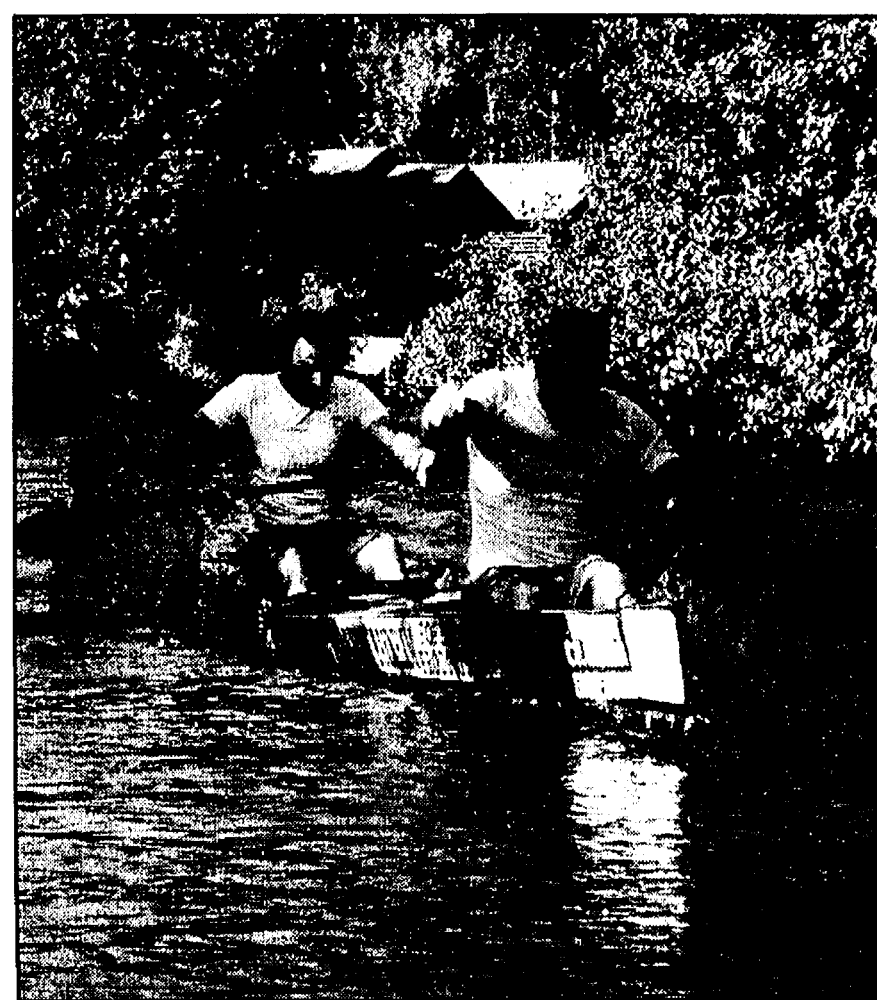
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# 2005 AuSable River Canoe Marathon Time Trials/Sprints for Position Results

Place	Time	Canoeist	Paddler	Paddler	Place	Time	Canoeist	Paddler	Paddler
01	05:24.41	01	Matthew Rimer	Andrew Triebold	27	06:46.85	98	Joe Shaw	Karin Pellerin
02	05:37.52	16	Jeff Kolka	Serge Corbin	28	06:49.50	89	Joe Leusby	Robert Stockton
03	05:42.10	03	Ted Kolka	Mo Harwood	29	06:51.28	70	PC Randolph	Doug Heady
04	05:50.28	14	Rick Joy	Bill Torongo	30	06:54.02	09	Al Widing, Sr.	Robert Bradford
05	05:50.60	02	Jim Harwood	Allen Limberg	31	06:54.86	88	Bill Brundage	Barb Bradley
06	05:50.70	82	Clark Kent	Tim Valko	32	06:55.55	64	Fred Rayman	Dave Timmerman
07	05:54.33	86	Steve Watson	John Sullivan	33	07:03.06	10	Connie Cannon	Amy Solak
08	05:55.14	07	Nicholas Bauer	Brad Bauer	34	07:03.58	26	Jeff Beerlocher	Craig Jacobs
09	05:55.53	87	Rodney Halstead	Ryan Halstead	35	07:05.49	60	Ted Matthews	Joey Kinsel
10	06:03.99	08	Pete Mead	Brad Gross	36	07:06.65	54	Nate Winkler	Lynne Witte
11	06:05.57	22	Colin Hunter	Ted Smutek	37	07:07.87	85	Gloria Wesley	Gary Aprea
12	06:06.05	21	Ian Cote	Guy Rousseau	38	07:08.22	24	Nick Wallon	Bob Mitchell
13	06:08.01	18	Bruce Byrnes	Russ Reker	39	07:09.13	73	Greg Nelson	Al Duckworth
14	06:09.70	37	Kate Ellis	Todd Ellison	40	07:11.65	47	Stephanie Larsen	Jeff DeFeo
15	06:11.08	13	Jason Hall	Josh Taylor	41	07:11.94	44	Dwight Walker	Ed Lazar
16	06:15.48	62	Ray Trudgeon	Tom Trudgeon	42	07:19.13	61	Chuck Hewitt	Chris Hewitt
17	06:17.38	06	Don Brooks	Mitch McMillan	43	07:21.82	71	Allan DuBois	Jeff DuBois
18	06:17.68	58	Jon Webb	Todd VanDeVen	44	07:27.13	48	Gabe Williams	Mark Church
19	06:18.14	63	Sean Casey	Matt Meersman	45	07:33.94	12	Chad Brandt	Chris McKenzie
20	06:26.45	40	Fred Mills	Joseph Seifert	46	07:50.75	97	Brett Thunstrom	Dave Dahl
21	06:27.90	36	Michael Garon	Bill DuBois	47	07:53.00	43	Jim Laurent	Mike Hartman
22	06:34.32	83	Ray Bauer	Tom Ackemeyer	48	08:05.57	94	Frank Smutek	Rejean Huard
23	06:42.98	45	Chris Scully	Rodney Matthews	49	08:31.69	95	Rick Gillings	Mindy Bennett
24	06:43.47	17	Jim Bauer	Alison Scott	50	09:49.41	136A	Mark Noorman	Troy Winters
25	06:44.01	23	Ashley Marsh	Brad Spies	51	09:56.00	72	Garth Greenan	Grant Tally
26	06:45.68	42	Jon Thompson	Brian Royce	52	10:49.97	117A	Frank Taber	Frank Bailey

## Triebold, Rimer post best sprint time at 2005 Time Trials



Andrew Triebold and Matt Rimer (left) and Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin (right) paddle in Time Trials last week at Penrod's. Triebold and Rimer posted the best sprint time this year, and Kolka and Corbin were 2nd.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Ian Cote and Guy Rousseau compete in Time Trials on Friday.



Jason Hall and Josh Taylor (top left), Amy Solak and Connie Cannon (top right), Pete Mead and Brad Gross (bottom left), and Allan DuBois and Jeff DuBois (bottom right) paddle at sprints for position last week.



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Paddlers in the boys 14-15 division break from the starting line at Borchers on Friday, July 29.

## Youth race paddlers set new records

■ **Thirty-nine teams paddle from Borchers to Burton's in 2005 Casey Challenge**

The winners of this year's Casey Challenge – an annual youth canoe race that runs from

Borchers AuSable Canoeing to Burton's Landing – set new records in all four divisions of the event.

In the boys 16-17 division, JC Schneider and Eli VanNuck won with a time of 0:57:48, a new record. The previous record was 1:02:08.

Matt McDonald and Ryan Cooper won the boys 14-15 division with a time of 1:00:32, improving on the previous record time of 1:03:24.

In the boys 12-13 division, Shane Ginther and Cameron Wakeley posted a winning time of 1:07:38 – about a minute better than the previous record of

1:08:42.

The girls 12-17 division also has a new record. Cassandra Pizzi and Kristi Calkins finished in 1:07:43, four minutes faster than the previous record of 1:11:54.

Thirty-nine two-person teams competed in the 2005 Casey Challenge last Friday. Results of this year's event (by division) include:

**Boys 12-13**

1. Shane Ginther, Cameron Wakeley, 1:07:38
2. Tyler Hanson, Jordan Helsel, 1:09:53
3. Jake Helsel, Ryan Teeple, 1:12:07

4. John Lennon, Wesley Willoughby, 1:14:07

5. Zach Wolcott, Luke Schneider, 1:14:54

6. Mike Olson, Daniel Duvall, 1:27:11

7. Nathan Nickerson, Philip Hagle, 1:40:40

8. Eric Ferrigan, Shane Grove, 1:45:23

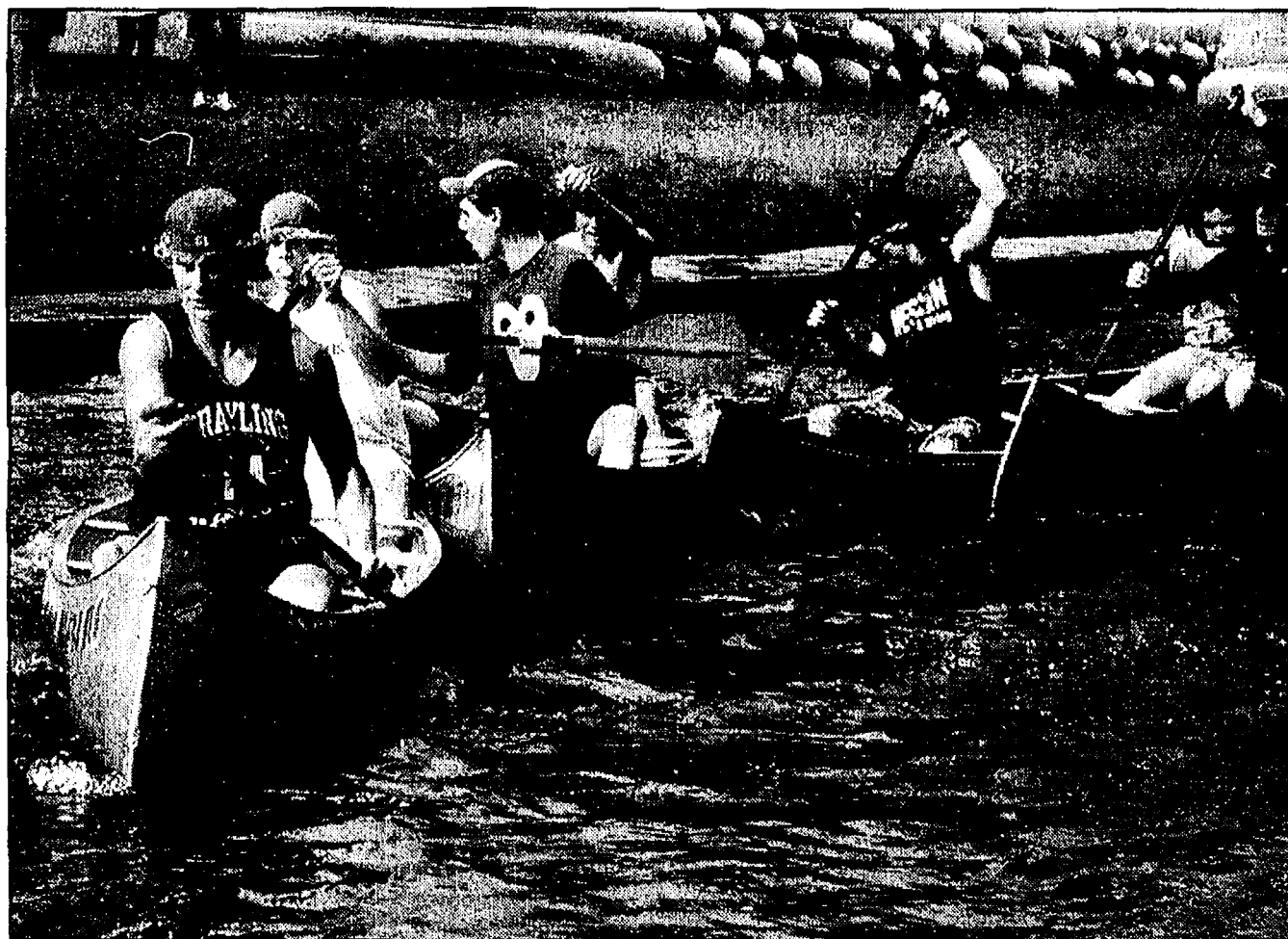
**Boys 14-15**

1. Matt McDonald, Ryan Cooper, 1:00:32

2. Jason Drudge, Isaac VanNuck, 1:02:21

3. Michael Davis, Matt Haight, 1:04:10

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 See "YOUTH RACE..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

The boys 16-17 division gets started on Friday.

## GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson  
 Wednesday Ladies League

After a horrendous weekend of high winds, rain, and fallen

trees, the Wednesday gals were very fortunate to be able to golf on July 27. The course lost some beautiful, majestic trees, but no loss of lives, for which we are grateful.

In Flight A, Sandy Winkle had a low net of 31 and Sally McNamara had low putts of 13.

In Flight B, there was a tie for low net of 33 between JoAnn Phillips and Balkis Shippy, and a tie for low putts of 15 between Nancy Glasslee and Marilyn Hartman.

In Flight C, Dorteia Carlson had a low net of 35, while Aggie Trudgeon and Wendy Kucharek tied for low putts of 14.

There were three chip-ins today: Shirley Schultz on #3, Balkis Shippy on #3, and Sandy Winkle on #1.

At our monthly meeting, President Sandy Winkle mentioned the "Heart of the North" Tournament, which we are hosting on August 18. It is the silver anniversary of this event.

Sandy then asked for someone to chair our "Presidents Day" on August 31. JoAnn Phillips graciously volunteered. Committees for all events will be set up soon.

The meeting was adjourned and we had a nice lunch of either a Greek salad or a salmon salad.

We then went and enjoyed the beautiful, much cooler day. That's all "fore" now.

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The girls 12-17 division leaves Borchers in last week's Casey Challenge.

## Youth race paddlers set new records

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4. Ryan Harris, Matt Hellebyuck, 1:04:37  
5. Adam Kolka, Michael Zill, 1:05:31  
6. Justin Farnsworth, Weston Willoughby, 1:05:43  
7. Richard Schreiber, Jon Denton, 1:07:06  
8. Alex Gabriel, Ryan Foguth, 1:09:06  
9. Chris Zeigler, Mike

Johnson, 1:12:19

10. Brandon Piehl, TJ Bellish, 1:15:26  
11. Brad Bertalan, Travis Methaney, 1:15:31  
12. Jacob Aubry, Spencer Dean, 1:24:03  
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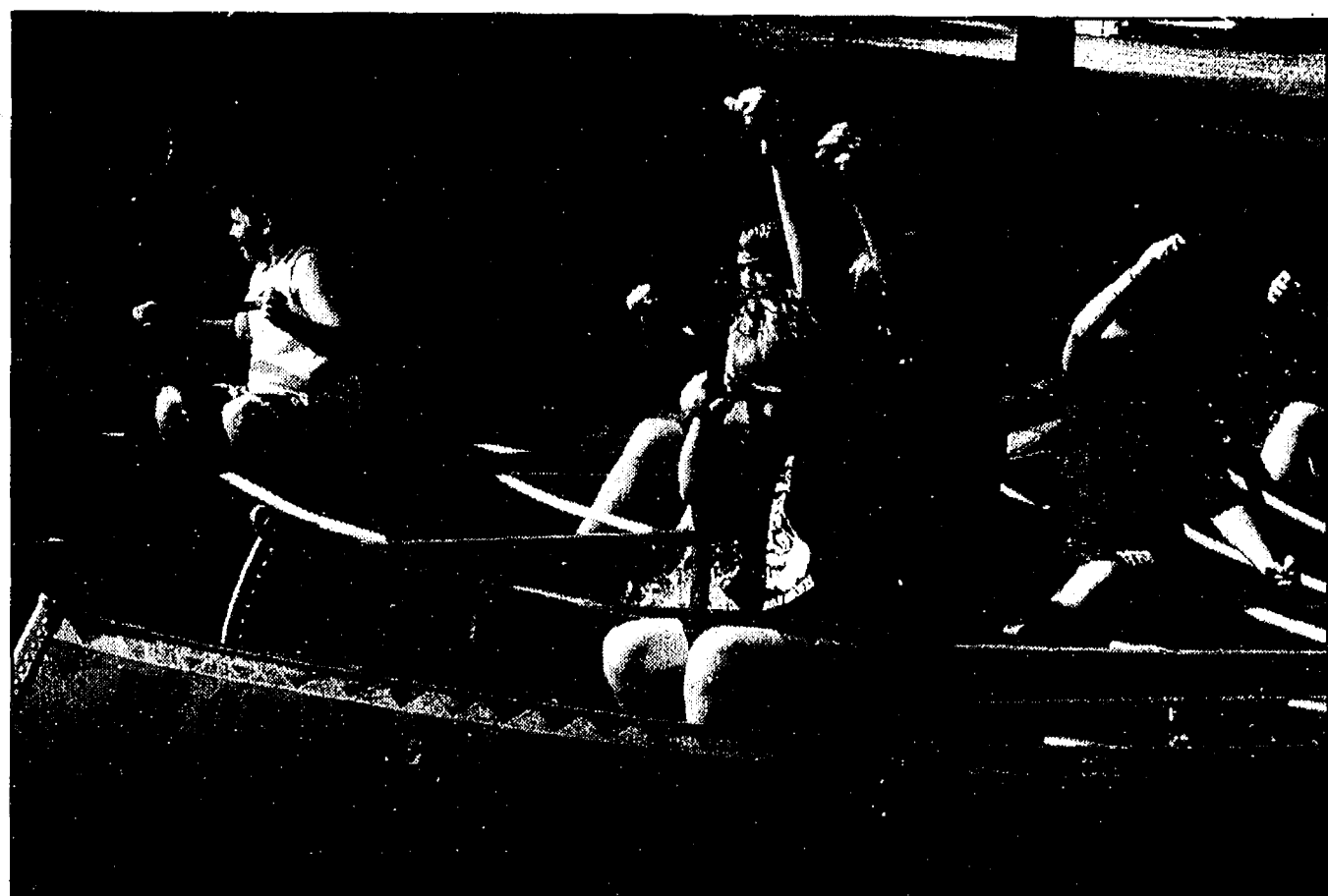
Boys 16-17

1. JC Schneider, Eli VanNuck, 0:57:48

2. Spencer Derenzy, Nick Tompkins, 0:57:57  
3. Ronnie Johnston, James Walker, 1:02:42  
4. John Bartha, Zack Sheldon, 1:05:36  
5. Corey Metzger, Jack VanPutten, 1:08:28  
6. Andrea Eisbrenner, Fred Berg II, 1:09:23  
7. James Haight, Jim Miller, 1:11:27

Girls 12-17

1. Cassandra Pizzi, Kristi Calkins, 1:07:43  
2. Katie Zill, Chelsea Partello, 1:10:16  
3. Samantha Schreiber, Jennifer Denton, 1:14:56  
4. Katie Kulasa, Sarah Funderburg, 1:15:06  
5. Alyssa Lewis, Nicole Metzger, 1:18:20  
6. Jordan Haney, Kelsey McKinnon, 1:22:40  
7. Jennifer Kott, Kristen Reschke, 1:24:21  
8. Kelsey Neuberger, Joni Bindschatel, 1:24:41  
9. Teresa Schreiber, Jamie Denton, 1:31:24  
10. Kelcey LeBlanc, Lindsey Boden, 1:41:23  
11. Stephanie Rett, Shannon Conners, 1:41:34



Photos by Caleb Casey

Paddlers compete in the boys 12-13 division on Friday.

## LEGAL ACTION

### SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting July 13, 2005

Members Present: Dennis Long, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright  
Members Absent: Shawn Krays  
Others Present: Keith Kenny, Bob Dixon, Gaila Gilliland, Norm Sherbert, Don Williams

Public Hearing:  
Supervisor opened the public hearing on the tentative Special Assessment Roll for Street Lighting of Northwoods Subdivision at 6:45 p.m.

Authorization for creation of the Special Assessment District was approved subsequent to a public hearing held June 8, 2005.  
The initial costs will include trenching and installation of six street lights, monthly electric costs for five years and a one percent administration fee. Total five year assessment \$7,979.00. Annual assessment \$1,595.80. Assessment will be billed to the owners of Northwoods Subdivision beginning December 1, 2005. The owners will take the responsibility of recouping the assessment from individual owners as lots are sold.

Keith Kenny spoke in favor of the project. No one spoke in opposition of the project.

Supervisor closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Grayling Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wright.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Long, second by Ashton to amend the agenda to add several late items and change Northwoods Sub. street lighting project to first item of business. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

1. Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to resolve the Special Assessment Roll for Northwoods Subdivision Special Assessment District for Street Lights as proposed at the public hearing held immediately prior to this meeting. Total five year roll \$7,979.00 including one percent administration fee. Annual assessment \$1,595.80 beginning December 1, 2005. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

2. Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to approve minutes of June 8, 2005. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's report for June 2005 including investment breakdown was distributed and placed on file.

4. Correspondence: (no action required) Crawford Emergency Central Dispatch/ June 05, Chamber News/ June 05, City/Twp Fire Dept Report/ June 05, Bldg. Dept Report/ June 05, Cemetery

Report/ June 05, Recycling Report/ June 05.

5. A petition with signatures of 135 property owners fronting or using Margrethe Boulevard for access has been filed with the Supervisor requesting a Special Assessment District for re-paving the street. More than 51% of the owners of frontage on Margrethe Boulevard signed the petition. Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to schedule a public hearing for Wednesday August 10, 2005 beginning at 6:30 p.m. to receive and review comment regarding the necessity of creating a Special Assessment District for re-paving of Margrethe Boulevard. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one.

6. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to accept the bid of \$106,307.75 from AuSable Construction for the Cemetery Improvement Project. Monies to be paid from the Perpetual Care Fund. Roll Call: Long: aye, O'Mara: aye, Ashton: aye, Wright: aye, Krays: absent. Motion carried.

7. Don Williams, representing the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association, requested update on the township's efforts to help with the moth problem. Supervisor Wright has met with the state's "Gypsy Moth Director" and has been informed that the only area in Grayling Township that may qualify for funding to spray is near the Four Mile Road rest area on I-75. Training is available for volunteers to inspect forested areas to annually assess which areas may need spraying. The Director has found that many untrained people confuse oak damage with the moths when it is actually oak wilt or even old age that is causing the trees to die. Long added, the township could administer a Special Assessment District for Gypsy Moth Spraying but the property owners need to define the areas and need. An alternative would be to assess every property owner in the township a small amount per parcel per year and spray areas determined annually to be in need. It was noted that most of the township does not have a moth problem. The lake area and possibly AuSable Woods (T26N,R4W) seem to be the areas of concern.

8. Invoice from the Grayling Recreation Authority for roof repairs and labor does not qualify for grants from the township. The work was performed fiscal year 04-05 and the township's contribution had already been distributed for a new computer at Hansen Hills. Contributions from the township are for capital improvements, materials and equipment. They do not include labor or operations.

9. Correspondence from the City of Grayling stating they are not interested in contributing to the Recycling Center operations. The letter suggested that the township charge city residents who wish to recycle a service fee.

10. Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to adopt Grayling Township

Ordinance 2005-04 an amendment to Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 2003-02, Sec. 16.04-Natural River District as follows. The AuSable River District includes an area beginning at the middle thread of the river and extending in a perpendicular direction to the high water mark to a distance of four hundred (400) feet on each side of and parallel to all channels of the mainstream and East Branch. Land elevations, including river bank heights, are not to be used in calculating the outside boundaries of the NRD. The district establishes a definable area within which local zoning may guide future development and use. Establishment of this district in no way implies a "taking" of these lands by the Township or opening them up to public use. Private lands remain private and are subject to the rights of private ownership. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

11. Motion by Long, second by Wright, to adopt a resolution authorizing the clerk to submit a grant application for optical scan voting equipment to the State of Michigan through the County Clerk's office. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

12. Consensus that the Supervisor forward draft of Memorandum of Understanding between MDNR, Natural Rivers Division and Grayling Township to Steve Sutton, State Administrator MDNR-NRD.

13. Consensus that the Supervisor instruct the Grayling Township Planning Commission to work with the City of Grayling Planning Commission to achieve an update to the City/Twp Master Plan.

14. Motion by Ashton, second by Long, to continue using local financial institutions as depositories for Township funds through fiscal year 2005-06. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

15. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to re-appoint Monte Burnmeister as Grayling Township Attorney for fiscal year 2005-06. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

16. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to re-appoint Mickey Perez as Grayling Township Auditor for fiscal year 2005-06. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

17. Motion by O'Mara, second by Long, to continue holding Grayling Township Board regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

18. Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to amend Grayling Township 05-06 General Fund Budget by adding a line item for Deputy Treasurer to \$2,000.00. Ayes: three, Nays: one, Absent: one. Motion carried.

19. Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 3483,3504 through 3547,

Guardian Dental \$574.60, Board fees \$590.00, Liquor inspections \$120.00, for a grand total of \$98,054.89. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one.

20. Motion to adjourn by Long, carried. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.

### Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew R. Morrisette and Jennifer Morrisette, husband and wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, mortgagee, dated June 18, 2003 and recorded June 20, 2003 in Liber 640, Page 159, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-5 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-5 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen and 88/100 Dollars (\$75,618.88) including interest at the rate of 8.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on August 31, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 13 North Park Subdivision Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 64 Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: July 28, 2005 ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-5 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-5, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 221-2403 ASAP712660

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN THE 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

ALBERT F. ATKINS, JOHN BISHOP, FREDERICK A. EMLING, DENNIS R. LENK, RANDALL A. MIDLIN, JAMES L. SKOWER, WILLIAM A. STREETER, DAVID A. WIGLEY, and THOMAS E. WIGHTMAN,

Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
ALBERT W. ATKINS and  
JAMES G. DUBOIS  
Defendants.

File no. 05-6749CK  
John Bishop P-35232  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
656 State Road, P.O. Box 98  
Vassar, Michigan 48768  
(989) 823-8577

### ORDER TO ANSWER

On July 5, 2005, an action was filed by Plaintiffs, Albert F. Atkins, John Bishop, Frederick A. Emling, Dennis R. Lenk, Randall A. Midlin, James L. Skower, William A. Streeter, David A. Wigley, and Thomas E. Wightman, in this court to determine interests in certain real estate located in Tuscola County, to wit:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, thence running West 330 feet, on the Section line, thence North at right angles with said section line to the center of the AuSable River, thence Southeasterly along the center of the AuSable River to the North and South 1/4 line of said section; thence South on said 1/4 line to the place of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant, Albert W. Atkins and James G. Dubois, and their heirs and assigns, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before 8/29, 2005. Failure to comply with this order will result in the entry of a default judgment against said defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint previously filed with this court.

Dated: 7-15-05

Honorable Dennis F. Murphy  
Circuit Judge

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marlin J. Friske, Single Man, as His sole and Separate Property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Lender, Mortgagee, dated June 9, 2004, and recorded on June 16, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 100, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine And 93/100 Dollars (\$39,329.93), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 17, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot (2), Block 3, Karen Woods Subdivision, as Recorded in Liber 1 on Page(s) 44 of Plats.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 14, 2005

For more information, please call:  
FC S 248.593.1304

Trott &amp; Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Lender  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025-5822  
File #060648F01

-14-21-28-4



# LEGAL ACTION

## SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting July 11, 2005

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Little, Summers and Hartman. There were 8 visitors present.  
**Guest Speakers:**  
1. Gaila Gilliland, Director of the Crawford Economic Partnership handed out a survey for board members and citizens to fill out.  
2. Jack Clark and Linda Thomas were present to discuss paving of King Road.  
Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.  
Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor, and by the Fire Chief on DPW and zoning.  
**Old Business:**  
1. The Township has received a petition to set up a Special Assessment District for Majestic Hills Court for construction and paving. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to accept their Petition and pass a Resolution to go ahead with setting up the District. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried. The first hearing will be held August 5, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.  
2. Discussion regarding the library and concerns about safety of their worker and our offices with only one person being on Saturday mornings.  
**New Business:**  
1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to accept the General Appropriations Act Resolution 2005 - 2006 as presented. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.  
2. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to pay AP bills, seconded and motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.  
Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

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**MORTGAGE SALE -** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rodney S. Arsenault, A Married Man, original mortgagor(s), to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 9, 1997, and recorded on September 12, 1997 in Liber 437 on Page 376, and assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the

recorded on March 8, 2003 in Liber 622 on Page 512, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty And 62/100 Dollars (\$49,660.62), including interest at 6.925% per annum.  
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 17, 2005.  
Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 245.0 feet East of Northwest corner of Northeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 25 North, Range 4 West; thence 85.0 feet East; thence 660 feet South; thence 85.0 feet West; thence 660 feet North to the Place of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 25 North, Range 4 West.  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.  
Dated: July 14, 2005  
For more information, please call:  
FC F 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For National City Mortgage Services Co.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #059945F01

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date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Twelve And 95/100 Dollars (\$49,412.95), including interest at 8.25% per annum.  
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 31, 2005.  
Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 9, Northwest Village No. 1, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat Thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 47 and 48, Crawford County Records.  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.  
Dated: July 28, 2005  
For more information, please call:  
FC F 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #060547F01

## STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT SALE 200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738 989-348-2841

Case No. 02-5764-CH  
In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 11th day of March, A.D., 2004, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOAN as Servicer, on behalf of WELLS FARGO MINNESOTA, N.A., as Trustee for the DELTA FUNDING HEL TRUST, was the Plaintiff, and CHRISTOPHER S. DUNCKLEY, and LEE ANN DUNCKLEY, were the Defendants.  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for Crawford County is held), on the 14th day of SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2005 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Local Time, the following described property, To-Wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, described as follows:

Commencing at the SE Corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 7, T26N,

R2W; thence 14 rods West to the Point of Beginning; thence West 6 rods; thence North 80 rods; thence East 6 rods; thence South 80 rods to the Point of the Beginning.

More commonly known as 623 East M-72, Grayling, MI 49738. ("Subject Property")  
This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.  
Dated: July 28, 2005  
KIRK WAKEFIELD,  
Sheriff

TROTT & TROTT, P.C.  
By: Richard J. Klamka, P62145  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
(248) 593-0496  
T&T #200129083  
(7-28)(9-8)

## Mortgage Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default has been made by Daniel D. Peer and Michelle Peer, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated August 21, 2002, and recorded on September 6, 2002 in Liber 595 on Page 54, in Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$107,651.88.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder on Wednesday, August 17, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 13.25 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:  
West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 1 West, Township of South Branch.  
The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale.  
Date: July 7, 2005  
Joseph B. Backus,  
attorney for mortgage holder  
P.O. Box 794,  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
517-337-1617

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 05-7001 DE  
Estate of James Dwain Burcham, deceased  
Date of birth: 9/10/1923  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, James Dwain Burcham, who lived at 9147 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, Michigan died 6/14/2005.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ronald D. Burcham, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON MARGRETHE BOULEVARD SPECIAL ROAD ASSESSMENT

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees will meet in public session on Wednesday, August 10, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., at the Grayling Town Hall to consider the implementation of a special assessment for road improvements of Margrethe Boulevard from M-93 on the north to M-93 on the south.

This public hearing is being held under the authority of Public Act 188, of 1954, as amended, and is the first of two required public hearings. At this public hearing, the township board of trustees will hear public comments and then determine the need for the establishment of a special assessment district and will consider the cost estimate.

If a second public hearing is scheduled for a later date, the township board will determine how to spread the costs among the parties within the established assessment district. If a special assessment district is established, it will include all private property owners who must use Margrethe Boulevard as their primary means of access.

All property owners who could be affected by the establishment of this special assessment district have been notified of this public hearing, by United States mail.

Persons wishing to, may comment in person at the hearing, or send a signed statement to: Terry Wright, Zoning Administrator, PO Box 521; Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry Wright, Supervisor

lication of this notice.  
Date: July 27, 2005  
Christine M. Brzezinski P-35405  
P.O. Box 948  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 348-7777

Ronald D. Burcham  
5421 Northwest 93rd Street  
Johnston, IA 50131  
(515) 360-7805

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 05-7018-DE  
Estate of Larry Ralph Tobias, deceased  
Date of birth: 2/25/1958  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, Larry Ralph Tobias, who lived at 6317 Center Street, Frederic, Michigan died 7/17/2005.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jamie McClain, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
Date: July 26, 2005  
Jamie McClain  
1499 AuSable Trail  
Grayling, MI 49738

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 05-7012 DE  
Estate of Warren Henry Fuchs, Jr., a.k.a. Warren H. Fuchs, deceased  
Date of birth: 8/26/1927  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, Warren H. Fuchs, Jr., who lived at 6474 Bald Hill Rd., Grayling, Michigan died 12/25/2004.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Margaret D. Fuchs, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

David R. Sabin P-19822  
115 Michigan Ave.  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 348-5588

Margaret D. Fuchs  
6474 Bald Hill Road  
Grayling, MI 49738

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 05-7004-DE  
Estate of Barbara R. Johnson, deceased  
Date of birth: 4/30/1923  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**

The decedent, Barbara R. Johnson, who lived at 708 Vine Street, Grayling, Michigan died 5/28/2005.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Betty E. Durfee, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
Date: July 27, 2005  
Betty E. Durfee  
P.O. Box 206  
Luzerne, MI 48636

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE BY ADVERTISEMENT

THE PREPARER OF THIS NOTICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jamesina P. Vettraino, fka Jamesina P. Bardoni, a single woman, of 2249 E. Pioneer, Roscommon, MI 48653, Mortgagor, to Firstbank West Branch, Mortgagee, dated May 5, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 16th day of May, 2005, at Liber 634, Pages 420-434, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of the notice for principal and interest the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Nine and 26/100 (\$39,729.26) Dollars,

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan; NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 7th day of September, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the door on the north side of the County Courthouse in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the total amount due on the mortgage, with interest at seven point nine five (7.95%) percent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the mortgaged premises described as follows.

Lots 741 & 742, Indian Glens of the Au-Sable No. 6, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Tax Parcel No: 20-064-400-000-741 & 742-00  
Street Address: 10863 & 10883  
Wagner, Roscommon, MI

The redemption period pursuant to MCLA 600.3241(A) shall be thirty days (30) from the date of the sale. During the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, unless the mortgagor or anyone claiming under the mortgagor shall comply with the provisions of 1948 MCLA 600.3241a (c), in which case the property may be redeemed during the six (6) months immediately following the sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale plus interest, any unpaid encumbrances on the property, and any advances paid by the Mortgagee. For additional information, contact Danny Gallagher, Firstbank West Branch, 502 W. Houghton Ave., PO Box 335, West Branch, Michigan 48661, or the preparer of this Notice.  
Dated: July 21, 2005  
MORTGAGEE: Firstbank West Branch  
502 W. Houghton; PO Box 335  
West Branch, MI 48661  
Prepared by:  
JUAREZ & JUAREZ, PC  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
132 South Eighth, West Branch, MI 48661  
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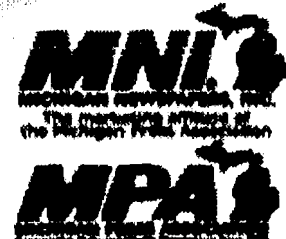
## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 05-6998 DE  
Estate of Thomas Michael Phillips, deceased  
Date of birth: 2/4/1946  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, Thomas Michael Phillips, who lived at 125 N. Grayling Rd., Grayling, Michigan died 4/2/2005.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Shannon Smith, 184 Kelsey Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735 named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
Date: June 28, 2005  
Attorney  
David P. Leonardson P44117  
P.O. Box 1705  
Gaylord, MI 49734  
989-732-7724

Shannon Smith  
184 Kelsey Dr.  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



August 5, 1982 - Grandma Hunts 1st Annual Pig Roast was held on Lake Margrethe on July 17, 1982. An 180 lb. pig was the main dish. Photo top left: Janet Gorman, Pat Hunt, Tom Carpenter, John Blaine, Bill Johnson. Second row: Jan Hunt, Gramma Hunt, Diane Hunt, Judy Johnson. Third row: Paula, Mitch and little Mitchie Buchanan, Mike Gorman, Kelly Hunt, Iris and Don Hunt, puffy dog, Karen Hunt, Tom Hunt and Ray Calkins.

23 Years Ago  
August 5, 1982

The community works together in effort to renovate the Grayling Fish Hatchery. Donations and volunteer work from local businesses, Camp Shawono, and the Michigan National Guard allow for new raceways, updated landscaping, and wider walkways.

Ten thousand tablets of LSD, worth \$30,000 to \$50,000 on the street, were seized in a drug bust by the Michigan State Police and Crawford County Sheriff's Department. Four suspects were arrested and arraigned, after a five month investigation by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department.

Olive Kinsey Lewis celebrated her one-hundredth birthday, Sunday July 25, 1982 with her friends and family. she was born near Richmond on July 26, 1882.

An active woman, she found herself teaching a course on the campus of Kirtland Community College at the age of 92.

Over 9,000 officers and men of Michigan's 46th "Iron Fist" Infantry Division and attached units will arrive at Camp Grayling on Saturday for their 14th encampment since World War II. The guardsmen will find a round of major improvements at the camp and at the Grayling McNamara Air Base. Total of this year's construction paid by the Federal Government is \$135,644.

Included in this year's new housing and maintenance facilities is a new Officers Candidate School at the Air Base, a new armored maintenance shop as well as a mess hall. Constructed at Camp Grayling were three new bathhouse-latrines and nineteen new concrete tent floors as well

as paving of many of the camp roads and other terrain improvements.

46 Years Ago  
August 6, 1959

The Northeast and Central Michigan Regions of the Sports Car Club of America met with a Grayling Committee last Saturday morning and plans were established for a sports car race at the Grayling McNamara Air Base on Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18.

Subscription rates for the Crawford County Avalanche were \$2 for 6 months, \$3.50 for one year, and \$4 a year for residents outside of Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

A \$53,600 expansion program has been undertaken by General Telephone to expand telephone service in Maple Forest and Frederic areas. This project calls for the installation of two miles of aerial cable on existing poles, twenty miles of buried cable and wire, and one and a half miles of new poles and wire. This expansion will provide improved and additional phone service to these areas.

Marx and Bud Stephan of Grayling have worked out an AuSable Rvers cottage patrol service which they are at present initiating. They plan to offer weekly inspection service on the main stream, North Branch, South Branch and East Branch of the AuSable River as well as Big Creek, Lake Margrethe and several other areas. The two men have set the price of \$12 for the weekly inspection.

The Higgins Lake Miniature

Golf Course is now open to the public. the course is operated by Mr. Herschel Jewett of Mason, who with his wife, Clara, and four children have been summer residents at Higgins Lake for several years.

69 Years Ago  
August 6, 1936

Crawford County friends of Judge John C. Shaffer were gratified to learn that petitions had been filed qualifying him as a Republican candidate for the nomination of Circuit Court Judge in the 34th Judicial Court, which covers the counties of Arenac, Crawford, Gladwin, Ogemaw, Otsego, and Roscommon.

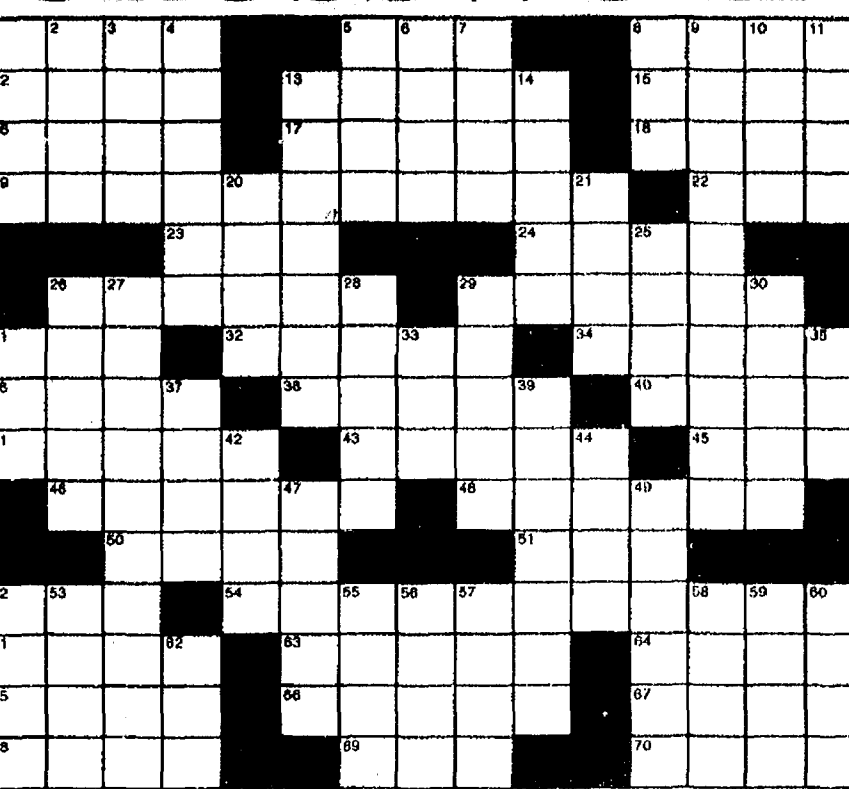
The third annual bake contest and sale at the Grange Hall was a success. During the contest, Mrs. Cynthia Knecht won three prizes, five gallons of gasoline donated by Alfred Hanson for the best loaf of white bread; a box of Peggy Jones chocolates given by O. Sorenson and Sons for the best quick bread, and the choice of an alarm clock or manicure set donated by J.F. Mills for the best chocolate cake. The winners in this contest have an opportunity to compete for prizes in the state contest, which will be held later.

92 Years Ago  
August 7, 1913

Miss Lillie Fischer graduates from Mt. Pleasant Normal tomorrow (now know as Central Michigan University). Her mother, Mrs. William Fischer, left last week to be present at the graduation exercises.

Beginning tomorrow, the local barbers will charge fifteen cents for shaves.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

- Informal for a meal.
- Abbreviation for miles per hour.
- Opening made by forcibly pulling apart.
- Cease from any motion.
- Capable of conforming to the rules of right conduct.
- Connor, Linda Hamilton's character in The Terminator.
- 1968 movie starring Julie Andrews.
- Hunters, 1990 TV movie starring Isabella Rossellini.
- Abbreviation for president.
- Promotional statement.
- Mary "... Capone, wife of Al Capone.
- Acronym for Ultra High Frequency.
- Agency responsible for aviation and space flight.
- French mathematician.
- Spanish title for a married woman.
- Acronym for Optical Remote Sensing.
- Partially melted snow.
- Out and out nonsense.
- Unable to decide.
- Rulers of particular Muslim countries.
- Naldi, Dona Sol in 1922 film Blood and Sand.
- Past formal fights used to settle an argument.
- Borders upon.
- Scandinavian father of the night.
- Like a keel.
- Henry ..., important in the development of mathematics.
- Placed a ball upon a tee.
- Goddess of criminal rashness and its punishment.
- Acronym for Pre-Sentence Investigation.
- Without interruption.
- Expression of greeting.
- Hamilton, big wave surfer.
- Lecher.
- Remain undecided.
- Father.
- St. Vincent Millay, poet and playwright.
- Backtalk.

- Sampou, Borrowed and Blue CD.
- Sweetheart.

### Down

- Acronym for Earth System Science Education.
- Abbreviation for attention.
- Amphibian similar to a frog.
- Linda ..., Australian performance artist.
- Change residence.
- Formal school ball.
- Large member of the rabbit family.
- Acronym for Total Suspended Particles.
- Keeping something for a particular purpose.
- Particular environment.
- Tear down to make flat with the ground.
- File in the wrong place.
- Shelby ..., 2000 Grammy winner for Best New Artist.
- Village in Wales.
- Hyperbolic tangent.
- Quick.
- Root with the snout.
- Statements strongly believed to be true.
- Tree of the cashew family.
- Lowly, woody perennial plants.
- Four-wheeled motor vehicles.
- Not new.
- Blood related.
- Make imperfect.
- Very slender natural fibers.
- As a guess.
- In its original place.
- Effigies worshipped as gods.
- Equipped with gears.
- Acronym for Periodic Armaments Planning System.
- David ..., composer.
- Old measure of two-and-a-quarter inches.
- Hoop covering a wheel.
- Strong emotions.
- Vain of ore.
- Goddess of the moon.
- Period of 365 days.
- Abbreviation for yards.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### Double Cheese Chili

- 1 lb. ground turkey
- 1 small onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 can of kidney beans, drained

Cook turkey in large skillet on medium heat until no longer pink, stirring frequently. Add onion and green pepper; cook and stir until tender. Add beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce and chili powder; mix well. Reduce

- 1 can whole tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can tomato sauce
- 1 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1-1/2 cups mild cheddar cheese

heat to low; cover and simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle 1/4 cup of the cheese onto the bottom of each of 6 soup bowls; cover with chili. Top evenly with remaining cheese.

## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



Chester is a happy guy who is about a year old now and has been at the shelter since mid May. He is a yellow lab mix, gets along very well with other dogs, is neutered and his shots are up to date. Please come and meet him today!

For information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.assc.petfinder.com](http://www.assc.petfinder.com)  
Grant funds are still available to help defray the cost of spaying and neutering your pets. If you need assistance paying for the surgery, please call Jan Andrews at Northern Tails, (989) 344-9999

Dog Opoly and other games (\$25) are on sale at The Copy Shop. All proceeds to the shelter.

The "Driving Into the Future" yellow medallion campaign will continue to raise funds toward building a new shelter. Several local businesses are selling the medallions for a donation of \$1 or more. Write your name, or that of a pet, and the business will display your support! All proceeds go to the building fund. Donations to either the building fund or daily operations can also be made by sending a check or money order to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain
7/27	76	51	0
7/28	71	44	0
7/29	77	46	0.12
7/30	74	45	0
7/31	77	50	0
8/1	85	64	0
8/2	89	63	0

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 79	High 81	High 85	High 84	High 86	High 83
Low 54	Low 55	Low 58	Low 60	Low 59	Low 59
Scattered T-Storms	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Scattered T-Storms	Isolated T-Storms

### Find the Twins

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

### DID YOU KNOW??

The Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from public libraries.

### Connect the dots

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of August 4, 2005

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22-January 19  
Opportunities come when you least expect them. A blast from the past livens up your weekend. Get out the scrapbooks and have fun reminiscing.

**ARIES**  
March 21-April 19  
You're bowled over by a friend's idea. Aries. Encourage them to pursue it further. Grace under pressure gets you through a tough situation at work.

**CANCER**  
June 22-July 22  
A breakdown in communication leads to frustration. Take time out to regroup. You'll emerge in a better frame of mind and ready to tackle the problem.

**LIBRA**  
September 23-October 22  
Uh-oh, Libra. Prior knowledge of a situation lands you between a rock and a hard place. No amount of squirming will set you free, so confess and deal with the consequences.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20-February 18  
Your daring side comes out, Aquarius, and you take a big risk. Only time will tell if it will pan out. Be patient and concentrate on the matters at hand.

**TAURUS**  
April 20-May 20  
A health crisis is finally over. Bring the family together to celebrate. Your financial outlook vastly improves thanks to your careful spending.

**LEO**  
July 23-August 22  
Your principles get in the way of a friendship, Leo, and you must make a decision. Either end the relationship or compromise your ideology. Choose carefully.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23-November 21  
A brilliant move on your part makes heads turn at work. Enjoy your moment in the spotlight. Vacation plans hit a snag. To fix it, think outside of the box.

**PISCES**  
February 19-March 20  
Poor Pisces. Broken promises leave you with a heavy heart. Perk up with a party. Invite some friends over, turn on the music and dance away your troubles.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 21  
A special event calls for elaborate preparations. Go all out and have a great time. Accusations fly at a meeting. Try to stay in the neutral zone.

**VIRGO**  
August 23-September 22  
You're relentless in your efforts to complete a challenging assignment, Virgo. It pays off in a big way. Fun festivities make for a great weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22-December 21  
People take precedence over work this week. Put your projects aside and spend some time with family and friends. A phone call puts life into perspective.



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

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Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

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## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**DAWN BUYS HOUSES** Need to move quickly? Facing foreclosure or divorce? Don't ruin your credit. Call today at 231-564-0226 or dawnmcl@localnet.com. (-28-4/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**AUSABLE RIVER** 200 ft. plus 5 acres & lovely 3 bedroom home, \$154,000. MLS #234956. Call Cindy, Coldwell Banker Schmidt 989-732-4569. Cell: 989-350-5520. (6/16/05tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**HOUSE FOR SALE-** Custom built 3 bedroom ranch. Jones Lake Road. \$149,500. Shown by appointment only. 989-344-1904. (6/2/05tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN** Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**FOR SALE:** Because of health, owner has for sale: 2.46 wooded acres, 3 miles from town-across from State land. Foundation ready for house to be built. Has: garage with carport, water, septic, (electric, phone underground), \$79,000. 989-348-8472 (-28-4-11-18-25-1/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**10 WOODED ACRES-** borders state land, near Fox Run Golf Course, \$900 down. 231-544-8195 (-21-28-4/1)

**3-BEDROOM HOUSE** for sale. Fireplace, garage. Call 614-0562, large corner lot. (-21-28-4-11-18/1)

**HOUSE FOR SALE-** 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, large master suite, glassed in dining room, vaulted ceilings, in wooded area, within walking distance to the lake, hot water heat system, \$167,900. 231-263-0231 (-28-4-11-18/1)

**FOR SALE BY OWNER** 3 bedroom/ 2 baths, 1800 sq. ft., fireplace, full basement, 1 3/4 acres, \$95,000. Rent to own opportunity to qualified applicants. 231-564-0226. (-4/1)



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**BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM FULL LOG HOME** on the 12th fairway of Fox Run Estates. All knotty pine & log interior; large & spacious kitchen w/island and built-ins. Cathedral ceilings, open staircase and fieldstone fireplace. Loft, plus attached year around breezeway. Truly a "must see!" DBB-2148 \$224,900

**CUSTOM BUILT FULL LOG HOME IN FOX RUN ESTATES GOLF CLUB** 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, open sitting room/family room on second level, stone fireplace/double sided thru to master bedroom. DBB-2138 \$369,000

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Outdoor Enthusiasts will enjoy this 5 bedroom get-a-way! Great set up for a snowmobile club, or any group that enjoys outdoor activities in Northern Michigan. Located close to snowmobile trails, state land & the Manistee River. Built in 1995, furnished \$145,000 #5555




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New Owners of the Lovells Restaurant

Keith and Margaret are excited about their new adventure and are excited about joining the community! A lifelong dream for the Thorpe's - only proves that dreams do come true!

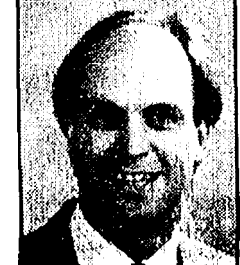
Join them for a wonderful dining experience. Open 7 days a week. Call (989) 348-9589 for hours. The Lovells Restaurant is located at 6530 County Road 612 in Lovells, MI



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**THE PERFECT FIRST INVESTMENT.** This 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home offers 1700 square feet with new renovations. New cedar siding, new Berber carpet, new windows, new wiring, insulation and drywall. New dishwasher plumbed but not hooked up. New Corian counter tops and sink. New cherry kitchen cabinets. Newer furnace. Gas fireplace in living room. Immediate occupancy. CS-2114 \$79,500



**EXCEPTIONALLY BUILT HOME SITS ON SECLUDED 10 ACRES SURROUNDED BY STATE LAND.** 2300 sq. ft. Ranch 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large great room, island kitchen. Great view from deck with hot tub. Landscaped with electrical, lighting, water and pet area. Lots of storage inside and out, especially with 3 car attached garage. Access to I-75, hunting, and snowmobile trails. Plenty more... it's a must see to appreciate the North Country at its finest! Heavy wooded and an additional 10 acres for \$30,000. CS-2031 \$255,000



**165' ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSABLE RIVER.** Handyman special sits 50' from the river's edge with picturesque setting offering 2.5 acres. Cathedral ceiling in family room with 2 skylights, brick fireplace, detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CS-1872 \$120,000



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**LOCATED IN A NEWER UPGRADE SUBDIVISION.** 2,190 sq. ft. custom built home, 3BR, 2 full baths, master bedroom suite with walk-in closet. Yellow pine T&G flooring walls & ceilings. Custom hand-made interior doors, quality rustic kitchen cabinets with stainless steel appliances & a bay window in dining room. Open log staircase, upper loft family room with two dormers. All porches & decks built with Trex Synthetic Decking. 8x40 covered porch with finished garage and concrete driveway. Front yard has been seeded. \$229,500 CH-2115



**175' FRONTAGE ON EAST BRANCH OF AUSABLE RIVER** 2,196 s.f. brick home w/full walk-out basement. 800 s.f. wrap-around deck, custom cedar sauna, brick fireplace w/gas logs, sliding doorwall out to patio and riverside Jacuzzi hot tub. Fully landscaped and all appliances. \$267,500 CH-1938



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**REDUCED**  
Heated in-ground pool, beautifully landscaped on over an acre of land, only 1/2 mile from town. 1840 square foot home, large kitchen, master suite with Jacuzzi tub, large storage building 27x14. 24x24 attached garage. \$129,000 #5511



**REDUCED**  
Lake & Snowmobile Enthusiasts...will love this location near Lake Margrethe w/trails on the state land abutting this property! Very nice home w/updates too numerous to list. 3 possibly 5 bedrooms, open living/kitchen/dining area plus family room. #5429 \$124,500



Nice, neat and clean 4 bedroom, 2 bath chalet with attached 2 car garage. Home features fireplace, 23x23 game room with pool table, satellite tv, storage shed and newer roof and vinyl siding! Enjoy the amenities offered by Lakes of the North! \$125,900 #5468



Exceptional 1,760 sq. ft. home on 4+ acres is definitely worth taking a look at! The kitchen is right out of a magazine. 32x40 garage. Don't forget about the full basement! Second story can be finished for additional living space...\$195,000 #5449



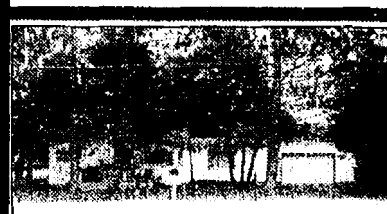
Charming home/cabin on 1/2 acre lot close to Lake Margrethe. Home features two bedrooms and 1.5 baths, large living room and nicely wooded lot. Property close to many recreational amenities...a must see. #5475 \$72,500



Very nice two bedroom home with detached garage on the South Branch of the Ausable River. It has a large bedroom down and 16x20 loft. This home offers views of the river from several rooms and has a deck for outdoor entertaining on the river side. \$174,500 #5480



A two story chalet with one bedroom down and two upstairs. Features one and one half baths and includes, stove, refrigerator, and dishwasher. Situated on five wooded acres with large 24x32 garage on a cement maintained paved road just South of Grayling. #5317 \$110,000



Very clean & well maintained 2 bedroom, 1 bath home in Mio. This home is on a large corner lot, featuring a beautiful fireplace, large rooms and has many updates. Near State Land & Main Stream Ausable River only 3/4 mile away. #5485 \$67,500

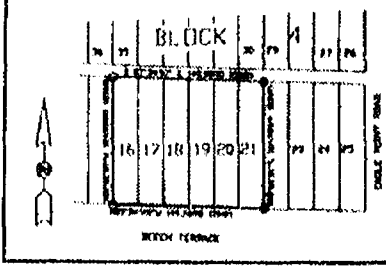


Want to own your own bar??? Here is your chance. Northern Michigan Bar For Sale. Restaurant/Bar, Rental home plus 2 vacant lots. It's been in business for 50 years, hurry this will not last on the market. #5448 \$195,000

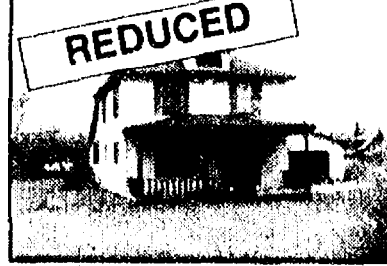
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**LOTS 16-21, BLOCK 4 OF 4TH ADDITION PORTAGE LAKE PARK.** Nice mixture of pines and hardwoods on flat terrain. Electricity and access road both on Eagle Point Road. Directions to Property: M-72 West to left on Eagle Point Road to right at RE/MAX sign on Beech Terrace. CS-2045 \$4,900



**REDUCED**  
MINI FARM ON 2.66 ACRES. Remodeled two story farm house. Features include 1,600 s.f. living area, 3 B/R, 2 bath, basement and garage. Drywall throughout. Bay Window in dining room, garden window in kitchen, newer electrical, furnace, vinyl siding, 4 inch well, septic system, decks, covered porch, lawn front and side yards. Seller in process of moving. New carpet in living room, B/R, bath and stairway. Hardwood floors in entryway. Garage possession not until weather permits. CH-1884 \$89,900



**NEW LISTING**  
CLASSIC FLY FISHING RETREAT! 779' Frontage on the Ausable River. 6.5 acres adjoining state forest lands. Includes additional riverfront building site w/560' frontage. This setting is truly a one-of-a-kind. Only 20' off river's edge. Swift gravel bottom river, no visible neighbors, beautiful mature pines and hardwoods make this a unique getaway, knotty pine interior, field stone fireplace, most furniture and contents included. \$275,000 CH-2178

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**UP NORTH** at its best! Well cared for A-frame with 2-car garage and freshly painted. Common area frontage on the East Branch or Big Creek in Warbler's Hideaway Association. Association offers trout pond, shooting range, snowmobile trails and much, much more. \$77,500. MLS # 239251. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-4/1)

**WELL MAINTAINED 4 BEDROOM** 2 bath home with newer stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and dishwasher. Adjoins state land. Excellent hunting area with snowmobile trails and located not far from the East Branch of the AuSable River. \$89,900. MLS # 237167. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-4/1)

**WELL CARED FOR MOBILE** home situated on 20 acres. Large 3 car garage for all the toys. Property offers deeded access to the Manistee River and adjoins state land. Great recreational area near trails, river for fishing and state land for hunting. \$125,900. MLS # 239020. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-4/1)

**BEAUTIFUL SETTING** with large mature white pines and a variety of hardwoods. Sit on your covered porch overlooking the trout pond, or slip down to the AuSable River for a little trout fishing. Lots and lots of storage with a 2-car attached garage and 30' X 40' pole barn. 2nd story of home is set up as an apartment for a family member. \$165,900. MLS # 239095. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-4/1)

**2 BEDROOM HOUSE** For sale, good location off US 27. Call for more info. 989-858-1220. (-4-11-18-25/1)

**WEEKLY AND MONTHLY** house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03tf/2)

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE** for rent. \$450 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04tf/2)

**VACATION CABIN** on the AuSable; nightly or weekly. Call 989-348-8350. (5/12/05tf/2)

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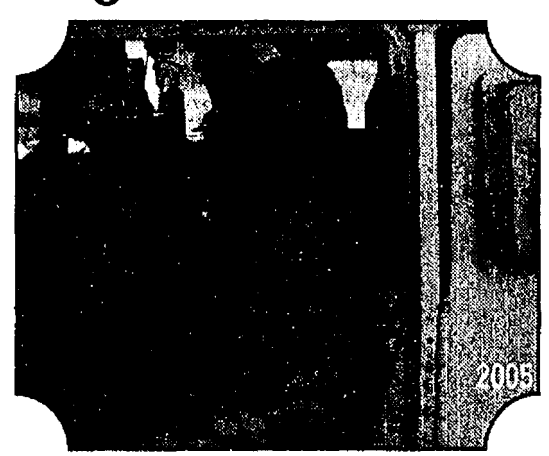
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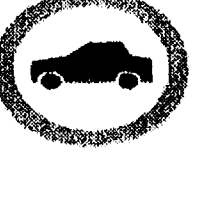
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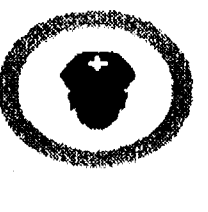
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#### Announcements

**ANIMAL SHELTER** of Crawford County will not hold its annual yard sale due to scheduling problems. Instead, Board members ask all wishing to donate clean, saleable items to do so to the August 12-13 garage sale to benefit Jason and Nikki Trudeau who are expecting triplets. Call Sandra Michalik at 344-6080 to make donations. Thank you! (-4/8)

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**ANIMAL SHELTER BOARD TO MEET** The Crawford County Animal Shelter's Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, August 10 at 6 p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe on Industrial Street in Grayling. All members are encouraged to attend. Public welcome. (-4/8)

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#### 9. Personals

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
August 3rd - Cheri Ruley  
August 5th - Karyn Ruley  
~Love Dad & Mark~

**Ace Worden Speeding Toward 70!**  
August 7<sup>th</sup>



Happy Birthday Dad!!  
Love,  
Jeff, Kathy & Sasha



#### 9. Personals

**1666 OLE DAM ROAD** Saturday only, 9 - 3 p.m. Clothes and miscellaneous items. (-4/10)

**GARAGE SALE** Fri, and Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1762 West Bear lake Rd. Northeast. (-4/10)

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY** Aug. 5 & 6, 10 - 3 p.m. Nice toys, down comforter, foosball table, dresser and more. N. Down River Road Wilcox Bridge to 3452 Jones Lake. (-4/10)

**YARD SALE FRI. - SAT.** 801 AuSable Trail. 9 a.m. (-4/10)

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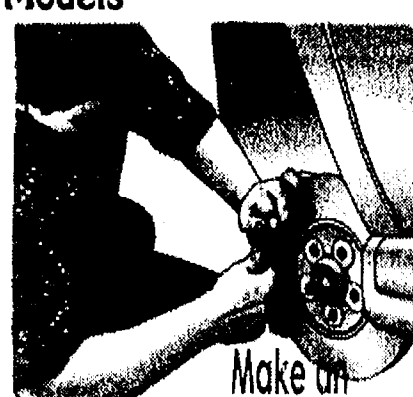
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